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THE NEW ASLIB

By the time this issue comes into the hands of members the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux and the British Society for International Bibliography should both have merged into the new Aslib. Formalities may remain, such as the official recognition of the new body, the liquidation of the old, and all the arrangements for the disposition of assets and liabilities, but the operative date when members of both former bodies may consider themselves embodied in one greater Aslib is the 1st January 1948.

The first Council meeting is on the 6th February, when the combined Councils of the original two bodies meet together as one. A main item on the agenda will be the reconstitution of the Aslib committees. These keep watch and ward over the main departments and activities of the head office, so that it is unlikely that any major changes will be made unless it is considered that new developments demand further committees to deal with them. The present system provides a Standing Committee immediately below the Council entrusted with the care of administration and finance, and the consideration and exploration of policy. It consists of the Chairman of Council, the Honorary Officers, the Chairmen of the other Committees and a few other members of the Council appointed by the Council.

Under the Standing Committee there are at present three other committees, corresponding to the three main divisions of Aslib—Publications, Information, and Conference and Education, the latter being divided when necessary into two sub-committees to deal with the two aspects of the work. It has been proposed that a fourth committee should now be added to look after the bibliographical activities formerly undertaken by the B.S.I.B.

The membership of the new Aslib is just under one thousand. This figure includes those members who formerly belonged to the B.S.I.B., but excludes some eighty Government departments which were considered separate members of the old Association. For official purposes "Government membership" can only be, of course, one and indivisible and should speak with one voice on the Aslib Council, and vote as one at General Meetings. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research is the medium for this expression of official opinion, as the channel through which Aslib receives Government grant. All of which does not disturb the unofficial direct contact for information purposes between Aslib and designated individuals in Government special libraries and information bureaux in any way. These "representatives" may continue to sit on Aslib committees and to attend meetings, and will receive all the Aslib services direct. In fact we look forward to a period of even closer and more useful co-operation.

The FIAT Reviews

Shortly after the end of hostilities with Germany it was realized that there was a gap in the schemes of T Force, BIOS, CIOS, ALSOS and other similar organizations which were setting out to comb Germany for technical information of use to the Allies. This gap lay mostly in the realm of the pure sciences and consisted in the neglect of the opinion of the greatest German scientists and research workers themselves concerning progress made from 1939 onwards. German scientific publication had been sadly hit by the war, and very little information was available.

Thanks initially to the Canadian element in FIAT (Field Information Agency, Technical), an allied intelligence organization which sprang from, and survived the dissolution of, SHAEF, efforts were made to secure the friendly collaboration of leading German professors. This was readily obtained once it was realized that the object of the scheme was to restore German science to its proper place in world learning and to fill the hiatus which would otherwise have resulted from the war.

Now the first volumes of this great 84-volume work, the *FIAT Überblick über die deutsche Wissenschaft* 1939–46, are at last appearing. Only 1100 copies are being printed at first, for official distribution in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, and through Unesco. Later Dietrich-Verlag in Wiesbaden will publish an edition of 10,000 copies in Germany.

We are very happy to announce that we have been informed by Unesco that Aslib will be one of the recipients of the copies available for distribution. All members, we are sure, will be grateful for the opportunity this magnificent gift will give them for borrowing and obtaining photographic copies of these rare and valuable volumes.

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Three Committees

FROM time to time the Aslib Council fosters committees other than the Council committees detailed elsewhere in this issue. These are not Aslib committees *pur sang*, but usually consist of experts called together by Aslib for a cause close to its heart, provided with a home and a secretariat when necessary, and left much to their own devices. Aslib is heard, but does not direct. This action, which has much in common with that of a catalyst, has often produced most useful results, and is always highly instructive.

At present three such committees are meeting, and all represent purposes which should develop greatly in the future.

The first of these committees has, after much deliberation, styled itself the *Committee on the Mechanized Distribution of Information*. It was originally set up by a widely representative Conference in July 1947, called by Aslib at the request of the D.S.I.R. on the *Uses of Mechanization in Library and Technical Information Work*. The change of title is, perhaps, indicative of the fundamental approach of the Committee to its problems. The terms of reference provide that it should co-operate with Aslib, which should form a clearing house for information on mechanization; answer specific problems referred to it; recommend the publication of manuals, bibliographies and similar material; and, eventually, compile a report for the D.S.I.R. and others. The committee is meeting frequently, conscious of the urgency of the requirements of information workers in this country who are being flooded out by too much unmanageable information.

The second committee is dealing with the recommendation of the 1947 Aslib annual conference, that the question of the format of periodicals in relation to their efficiency should be explored fully. The object is to produce a short memorandum for the guidance of editors, printers and publishers. For the time being this enquiry is being directed only to the journals of learned societies and similar organizations. Here again the committee has begun its work from a fundamental basis, and it appears likely that the result of its labours will be a most useful memorandum applicable in principle over the whole field of scientific and technical periodical publication, as and when conditions allow present methods to be revised.

The third committee, after a preliminary meeting attended by representatives of all the main building interests in this country, has already been constituted into the *Provisional National Body on Building Documentation*, and has started active work in preparation for the international conference of the International Federation of Housing and Town Planning at Zürich in June 1948. It is also discussing questions of building abstracts, trade literature, the Universal Decimal Classification, and international glossaries. In many ways this committee is a pioneer, born of necessity, of the documentation committees which will undoubtedly grow up in other industries under the aegis of the National Committee for Documentation, which is about to be formed.

Training Facilities for Librarians and Information Officers

FROM time to time it is said, by those who are not very closely connected with Aslib, that Aslib is not paying attention to the professional status of information officers and librarians in non-public libraries. This is, in fact, far from true. The Aslib Education Committee has drawn up recommendations for the revision of the Library Association examination syllabuses which were submitted to the Library Association and an Aslib representative has been invited to serve on the L.A. sub-committee which has now been appointed to consider these revisions.

Independently of the above, the Aslib Education Committee is giving close consideration to the qualifications required by information officers, as distinct from librarians, and to the creation and maintenance of professional standards for their work. These are large questions and require careful study. Aslib will report fully to its members in due course.

German Standards Index

Aslib has received by courtesy of the Technical Information and Documents Unit, German Division, Board of Trade (38–46 Cadogan Square, London, S.W.1), a copy of DIN Normblatt-Verzeichnis 1946 (Index to German Standards) together with the first supplement, and will gladly make it available on loan to members.

A reasonably complete set of DIN, VDE and VDI standards has been obtained by the British Standards Institution, and is available for reference at their library, 24 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Photo-copies of those Standards available can be supplied at the cost of reproduction. Both the T.I.D.U. and the B.S.I. are willing to deal with any enquiries about the German Standards.

Notes

The *Unesco Bulletin for Libraries* (Vol. I, No. 9, December 1947) states that the postal interchange of periodicals and similar items between member states of the world postal union and inhabitants of the American occupation zone is now permitted and can be carried out without a special permit.

Research, a Journal of Science and its Applications, the second issue of which appeared in November (published by Butterworths Scientific Publications Ltd., 4–6 Bell Yard, London, W.C.2) aims to fill the gap between the journals published by the learned societies used mainly by scientists working in a particular field and the "popularizing magazines" which show the layman what is going on and thus provide for the technical specialist a general idea of what is happening in other fields. It also aims to help the pure scientist and show him the links between invention and production.

Research is directed by a Scientific Advisory Board consisting of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Anderson (chairman), Sir Wallace Akers, Sir Charles Darwin, Sir Alfred Egerton, Sir Alexander Fleming, Prof. R. S. Hutton, Sir Edward Salisbury.

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The Boron Agricultural Bureau ceased to function at the end of December 1947. The Bureau's collection of literature on boron in agriculture is to be presented to the Rothamsted Experimental Station, where it should be available for consultation.

Scientific and Technical Research in British Industry (Federation of British Industries, 21 Tothill Street, London, S.W.1, 1s.) constitutes an attempt to assess statistically British industry's research in its own laboratories and works. Based on returns from a representative cross-section of manufacturing concerns analysed by the F.B.I. Industrial Research Secretariat, the report covers the year 1945 and the financial year 1945–6. The analysis covers such aspects as the proportions of research carried out in a works for its own or another organization, expenditure and staff, distribution of scientists over industrial groups, research programmes, technical services, publication, use of independent professional consultants, universities and technical colleges, plans for the future, etc.

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Bibliografia: Bibliografii I Nauki O Ksiazce is a welcome addition to the list of Polish bibliographical publications. It is published by the Polish Book Research Institute (Panstwowego Instytutu Ksiazki, Lodz, Poland), and the first issue, R 1947, No. 1, was devoted to a bibliography of Polish bibliography.

ASLIB STAFF

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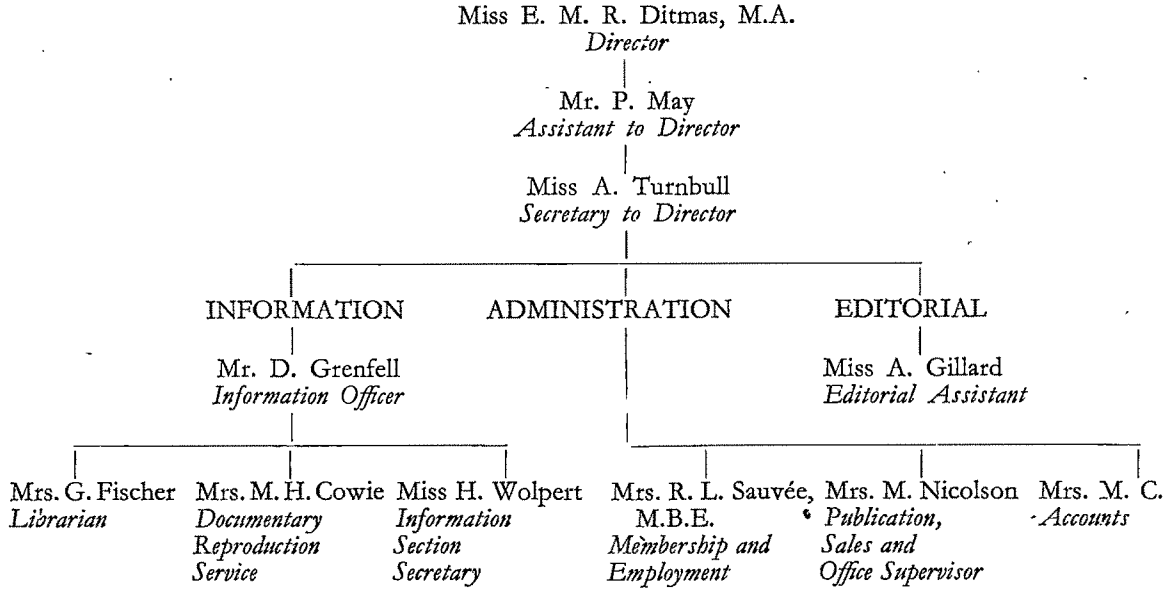
The time is past when the Director of Aslib could personally deal with every enquiry, but Aslib's belief in the value of direct contacts in information work remains. For this reason we feel that the diagram below may assist not only those ex-B.S.I.B. members who are establishing contact with Aslib for the first time, but also those "veteran" members of Aslib who have not had the opportunity of keeping in touch with Aslib's rapidly expanding organization.



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High Duty Alloys Ltd., Buckingham Avenue, Trading Estate, Slough: L. L. Edwards (Information Officer) replaces E. J. Pike (Research Librarian).

The Institute of Transport: now at 80 Portland Place, London, W.1. Telephone: Welbeck 2216.

Dr. L. Newcombe (Honorary member): now at 96 Avenue Road, Torquay.

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POST VACANT. The Nelson Research Laboratories of the English Electric Company Ltd., Stafford, require a Librarian, to take charge of their Library facilities. A B.Sc. Graduate with qualifications will be given preference. Applications should be made to Chief of Administration, Nelson Research Laboratories, English Electric Co. Ltd., Stafford.

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POST VACANT. Ministry of Works. Applications are invited for the post of a Senior Library Assistant in London. The appointment will be on a temporary basis. Candidates must have practical experience in technical special library or information work, preferably building and engineering subjects. A good knowledge of Russian, German and French is required. Salary scale: Men £650 × £25 —£750; Women £525 × £28—£625. Applications to be sent with full particulars of experience and qualifications to London Appointments Officer, Ministry of Labour and National Service, 1–6 Tavistock Square, W.C.1, quoting reference B.J. 197. Original testimonials should not be enclosed. Only successful candidates will be notified.

PERIODICALS WANTED Urgently. *Abstracts*, A. (*Journal of the Chemical Society*), 1900–3 inclusive and also 1914–18 inclusive. Write Croda Ltd., Croda House, Snaith, Goole, Yorks.

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PERIODICALS WANTED Urgently. *Overseas Education*, Vol. XII, 1940–1, Nos. 1, 2 and 4 needed to complete sets. Write Mr. Hughes, Colonial Department, University of London Institute of Education, London, W.C.1.

PERIODICALS WANTED. [illegible] wishes to purchase following back numbers for Technical Library: *Electrical Communication*, 1930–9, 1942–5; *General Electric Review*, 1938–46; *P.O.E.E.J.* (sundry numbers); *Ericsson Review*, 1930–4. Would anyone having any of these to offer, please communicate with Box No. 20.

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Northern Branch Conference

A two-day Conference is being arranged by Aslib's Northern Branch in Leeds, on Friday and Saturday, April 2nd and 3rd.

On the Friday at 2.30, Mr. E. Simister, Ph.D., B.Sc. (Director of Research, Kirkstall Forge Ltd.) and Mr. F. G. B. Hutchings, F.L.A., (City Librarian, Leeds) will give papers on " Research and Information Services for the Metallurgical Engineer " and " Training and Practice in Special Librarianship ", respectively. Mr. G. Brearley, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. (Managing Director, Brotherton & Co.) will take the Chair. There will also be an exhibition of Special Library Technique and at 7 p.m., a civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Alderman George Brett, O.B.E. On Saturday morning, at 10.30, the Minister of Fuel and Power, the Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, C.B.E., M.P., has promised to give an address, for which the Lord Mayor of Leeds will act as Chairman. In the afternoon, at 2.30, there is a choice of visits to either the Wool Industries Research Association and Central Research Department of Brotherton and Co., or to Temple Newsam.

The Conference fee of 3*s.* 6*d.* will include transport for visits, etc., and lunch tickets for Saturday lunch will cost 6*s.* each. A block reservation has been made at the Queen's Hotel for the Friday night, approximate cost 25*s.*, single room, for bed and breakfast. Those desiring to take advantage of this block booking should notify the Honorary Secretary, Northern Branch—Miss L. Wolff, The Library, I.C.I. Ltd., Hexagon House, Blackley, Manchester 9, on or before March 15th.

Aslib Book-List Questionnaire

While the *Aslib Book-List* questionnaire proved that there was general satisfaction with the present form of contents, there was an overwhelming demand for swifter publication so that recommended books would not be out of print by the time they appeared in the *Book-List*. It has, therefore, been decided that from March, 1948, the *Book-List* will appear monthly as a 12-page booklet ; a change which we hope will meet with the general approval of members. Fuller details will be given in the next issue of this bulletin.

Aslib Study Course

An Aslib Elementary Study Course will take place this year from April 13th to 17th. Further details will be given with the next issue of this bulletin.

Approved Libraries and Call-Up

With reference to our remarks concerning the new Library Association regulations for approved libraries in the December 1947 issue of this bulletin, we are glad to be able to report that the L.A. Council has now amended its previous ruling so that it shall apply only to persons seeking deferment from national service.

For persons not seeking deferment the Council is satisfied if the following fundamental requirements are met, i.e. that the candidate has reasonable opportunity to obtain instruction in the course of his work from suitably qualified librarians and has facilities under direction for learning the work of other departments in a library system and that the library is one which appears to be carrying out in a reasonably efficient manner the main functions of a library.

Anyone still in doubt concerning his own personal position should write direct to the Library Association.

French Bibliographic Service

The Commission Internationale des Industries Agricoles (18 Avenue de Villars, Paris 7, Librarian: Mme. A. Hunwald) is the only French organization which in addition to providing photocopies or microfilms of documents which it holds, also undertakes to obtain such copies from foreign libraries and is also the only one to undertake bibliographic research within the field of its activity.

The activities of the Commission fall into four groups:

(1) Publications: *Index signalétique pour la culture des plantes industrielles, l'élévage, les industries agricoles, alimentaires et biologiques* and *Revue Internationale des Industries Agricoles*. It also co-operates in the publication of *Industries Agricoles et Alimentaires* and *Annales des Falsifications et des Fraudes*.

(2) Bibliographic research: on all technical and scientific questions of industrial plant culture and the transformation of materials of biological origin.

(3) Translations.

(4) Photographic service: microfilm copies of whole volumes and photographic enlargements.

Microfilm Readers in Europe

Through the courtesy of the Director of the Central Medical Library Bureau of the Royal Society of Medicine we are printing below a first list of the microfilm readers distributed in Europe by the Rockefeller Foundation. The use of any particular reader is, of course, entirely in the control of the addressees; most of the readers are in constant use and not generally available to other research workers. It is of interest, however, that these readers are now so widely distributed. They are nearly all of Thomson-Houston or Ediswan pattern, designed particularly to take the ten-page strip of microfilm which the Central Medical Library is now supplying. The numbers in brackets indicate the number of readers sent to each address.

Austria
Vienna, Bibliothek der Gesellschaft (2)
„ Professor Chiari (1)
Belgium
Brussels, University (1)
„ Royal Flemish Academy (2)
Ghent, University (1)
Liège, University (1)
Louvain, University (3)
China
Hong Kong, Director of Medical Services (1)
Czechoslovakia
Bratislava, Institute of Hygiene (1)
„ Faculty of Medicine (1)
Brno, Institute of Hygiene (1)
Prague, Medical Faculty, Charles University (3)
Prague, State Institute of Public Health (1)
Finland
Helsinki, Medical School (1)
Turku, Medical School (1)
France
Bordeaux, University Library (1)
Dijon, University School of Medicine and Pharmacy (1)
Marseilles, Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy (1)
Montpellier, Library of Faculty of Medicine (Herault) (1)
Nancy, Faculty of Medicine (2)
Nantes, School of Medicine, Rennes University (2)
Paris, Institut Pasteur (1)
„ Academy of Medicine (1)
Strasbourg, University Faculty of Medicine (1)
Strasbourg, National University Library (1)
Greece
Athens, Professor Livadas (1)
Holland
Amsterdam, Medical Faculty (1)
Delft, Dr. G. Holst (1)
Leiden, State University Medical Faculty (1)
Leiden, Professor Bijl (1)
Utrecht, University (2)
Hungary
Budapest, University Medical Faculty Library (1)
Budapest, Dr. Gortvay (1)
Iceland
Reykjavik, Rannsoknastofa Haskolans (1)
Italy
Rome, Istituto Superior di Sanita (1)
Malta
Valetta, Royal University Medical School (1)
Norway
Oslo, University Library (1)
Poland
Gdansk, Medical School (1)
„ Institute of Hygiene (1)
Lodz, University Medical Department (1)
Lublin, Medical Faculty, Marie Curie University (2)
Poznan, University Faculty of Medicine (1)
Warsaw, Institute of Hygiene (1)
„ Glowna Biblioteka Lekarska (2)
„ University Medical Faculty (1)
Wroclaw, Faculty of Medicine (1)
„ Institute of Hygiene (1)
Rumania
Bucharest, Institute of Hygiene (1)
Cluj, Institute of Hygiene (1)
Iassy, Institute of Hygiene (1)
Russia
Moscow, State Medical Library (16 sent for distribution)
Leningrad, 1st Medical Institute (1)
Yugoslavia
Belgrade, Institute of Hygiene (1)
Zagreb, Institute of Hygiene (1)
United Kingdom
Birmingham, Medical Institute (1)
Bristol, University Library (1)
Glasgow, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons (1)
Leeds, University School of Medicine (1)
Liverpool, Medical Institution Library (1)
London, British Medical Association (1)
„ Royal College of Surgeons (1)
Manchester, University Medical Library (1)
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, King's College Library (1)
Sheffield, University Library (1)

Microfilm Standards. The British Standards Institution (28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.) has published British Standard 1371: 1947, *Microfilm, Readers and Reels*. This standard it is hoped will be adopted as the basis of design of all new microfilm readers and it is of considerable value to users of microfilm.

Photostat Service for U.K. Scientists

Following the announcement in the November issue of this bulletin (No. 84) under the above heading, it has been decided to make a substantial reduction in charges for making photostat copies of papers appearing in current German scientific periodicals. The price is now 6*d*. per page for any number of pages.

Applications for participation in this service should be made to Research Branch, ECOSC (Photostat Service) 77 HQ., C.C.G. (B.E.), AVA-Göttingen, B.A.O.R.

I.C.I. Librarian

Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Head Office: Miss B. D. Newton has been appointed Librarian in place of Miss M. Couldrey who has retired.

We feel sure that all members of Aslib and the B.S.I.B. who have known Miss Couldrey as a Council Member, and at conferences and meetings will be glad to hear that, although she has retired from I.C.I. Ltd., she is remaining in London at 30 Ormonde Terrace, N.W.8, and will continue her interest in special libraries and documentation. We know, too, that they will join us in wishing her every happiness in her semi-retirement.

Gift Offer

Aslib has been offered copies of the *Association Suisse des Electriciens Bulletin* (A.S.E. Journal) German edition 1942-3-4 believed to be complete. They are available on application to the Aslib office for the cost of postage.

U.D.C. Questions Answered

The next meeting organized by the B.S.I.B. at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2., on Wednesday, March 24th, is devoted to answering 'Users' questions on the Universal Decimal Classification'. Every member of Aslib is cordially invited to send questions to the Hon. Sec., B.S.I.B., 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1., well in advance of the meeting.

Aslib Library Accessions

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New Members

Since the last list, published in the November issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

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British Welding Research Assn.	H. L. Williams
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Marchon Products Ltd. (Whitehaven)	
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Polish Book Research Institute (Lodz)	Dr. Adam Lysakowski
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Royal Agricultural Society of England	Alec Hobson
Royal College of Nursing (rejoined)	Miss K. R. Matheson
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Watson, W., & Sons Ltd.	A. H. Willoughby
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POST VACANT. Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, Plastics Division, require for their Patents and Intelligence Department at Welwyn Garden City, a Male or Female Chemist for the Intelligence Section. Pass degree standard would be considered. Age range preferably 22-27. Salary according to age, qualifications and experience. Apply for Application Form to: Staff Manager, I.C.I. Ltd., Plastics Division, Black Fan Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts., quoting AI/14.

POST VACANT. British Nylon Spinners Limited have a vacancy for a Librarian aged 30-40 whose duties will include abstracting from technical and scientific reports and journals, card indexing, compiling library and patent indices, translations, etc. The successful applicant must be capable of organizing and operating an efficient technical library service and in consequence should possess a B.Sc., or equivalent degree and have had previous experience in library work. Knowledge of French and German is desirable. The post is a senior one carrying a good salary and prospects. The Company works a five-day week and is introducing a pension scheme. Please apply in writing stating salary required, to Personnel Manager, Pontypool, Mon.

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None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column applies to a man between the ages of 18 and 50 inclusive, or a woman between the ages of 18 and 40 inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order, 1947, or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.

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Scientific Information Conference

The Royal Society has arranged a Conference on Scientific Information Services to take place in London from June 21st to July 2nd, 1948. This Conference arises out of the Empire Scientific Conference and the British Commonwealth Scientific Official Conference which took place in 1946, and will be attended by representatives of countries providing information services in English, including the U.S.A.

The Conference is concerned with four aspects of its subject for each of which an Editor-in-Chief has been appointed who is also a member of the organizing Committee. They are as follows :

1. Publication and Distribution of Papers reporting Original Work. Professor J. D. Bernal.
2. Abstracting Services. Sir David Chadwick.
3. Indexing and other Library Services. Dr. J. E. Holmstrom.
4. Reviews, Annual Reports, etc. Professor H. Munro Fox.

In order to obtain practical results from the Conference, contributors are being asked to emphasize the practical steps which should be taken to implement their suggestions, such as the provision of finance and personnel.

Further particulars of the Conference can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W.1.

BIOS Overall Reports

An important new series of BIOS (British Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee) Reports has just started publication. These reports are critical summaries of information previously published in the main BIOS, FIAT and CIOS reports. They are intended to underline the German industrial and scientific advances most likely to have a decisive influence on research and development policy.

The Reports, which will number 50, are all expected to be printed by June this year and have been compiled by D.S.I.R. Research Stations, members of Research Associations, the Agricultural Research Council, members of Government Departments, the Control Commission, the staffs of industrial firms and private individuals. Each Report will contain from 10,000 to 50,000 words. A synopsis giving an indication of the subjects covered and contributing authorities has already been published in the *Board of Trade Journal* (Vol. 154, No. 2667, 31 January 1948, p. 237-9) and the progress of publication will be announced from time to time in that journal.

The first Report published is on the *Petroleum and Synthetic Oil Industry of Germany* and consists of some 134 pages with diagrams and insets. Advance copies of all Reports can be ordered on application to H.M.S.O., P.O. Box 569, London, S.E.1., and all other enquiries should be addressed directly to Board of Trade, T.I.D.U. Research Section, 40 Cadogan Square, London, S.W.1. Telephone : Kensington 5131, extension 149.

Sound History

On the 3rd March Aslib sponsored a meeting of some forty individuals and representatives of organizations interested in the formation of an Institute of Recorded Sound in this country. Mr. Frank Howes, music critic to *The Times* and President of the Royal Musical Association, took the chair.

There was remarkable unanimity in agreeing that the project was desirable. Personal exasperations with the sounds of modern life, with rockets and sirens, dictators, jets and jive did not obliterate the sense of duty which urged that these were the stuff of history and ought to be preserved. Not that the Institute was envisaged for such historical matter alone, for the scientific and medical uses of recorded sound were also emphasized, for studying phonetics and dialects, stammerers, inhibited children, animal cries, and many scientific phenomena.

The meeting passed a formal resolution that an Institute of Recorded Sound should be formed forthwith, and that those attending should constitute themselves the first provisional council of the new Institute. A working committee was appointed to explore ways and means, and to report back to the provisional council in some six months time. The national press gave a warm welcome to the new Institute and all the larger collectors of sound records and the commercial companies expressed sympathy with its aims.

Besides the preservation of material the new Institute could make itself most useful to serious students by providing audition rooms, scores and similar documents, and opportunities for research. It could serve as a central point for the organization of international exchanges. It might also take on the more active role of ensuring that no sounds of potential historical and scientific value remain unrecorded, and unpreserved. The new Institute could also be the residuary legatee of private collectors. Many of the most important old phonograph and gramophone records exist today only as rarities carefully treasured by owners who acquired them fifty or more years ago.

The main interest of Aslib in fostering this new Institute is to ensure that all this very special sound material shall find its way to one or more special libraries, where it may be properly cared for and made accessible. Aslib also sees such an Institute as the source of a great deal of live information of inestimable value to students in the years to come. If the indexes of the Institute are to be complete and really useful then, obviously, an endeavour must be made to locate the rare records and the small collections up and down the land. If any Aslib member can help in this quest, which will be receiving much wider publicity when the working committee gets into its stride, or assist the new Institute in any way, his efforts will be warmly appreciated.

Aslib Book-List

As foreshadowed in the February issue of this bulletin, the *Aslib Book-List* has now become a monthly publication starting from the March 1948 issue (Vol. XIII, No. 1) and should be circulated henceforward with the bulletin.

This step has been taken mainly as a result of a questionnaire circulated to members and subscribers a few months ago at the instigation of the Editor and the Publications Committee of Aslib. Although general satisfaction was felt with the order and contents of this publication, the main criticism received was that the list contained references to books too long after they had been published, so that they were often out of print. Although, at the present time, it is quite likely that the most important books for librarians may still be out of print even before the monthly *Book-List* is received, it is felt that there may be a better opportunity for subscribers to obtain the books listed. It is therefore hoped that this step will meet with the approval of members and will remove what appears to be the main ground for complaint against the old quarterly system of publication.

Wilson half-century

Congratulations to the H. W. Wilson Company of New York on attaining its 50th anniversary. Like many great and valuable organizations the Company sprang mainly from the efforts of one man who as a retail bookseller started publication of the *Cumulative Book Index* in 1898 to remedy the lack of a convenient trade catalogue. The first edition was of 500 copies. From this beginning developed the great organization which today publishes twenty-one major periodical publications and numerous other bibliographies and reference works, to most of which those connected with the library world, at least, will need no introduction.

An unusual feature of the organization of the Company is the fact that it does all its own printing and binding, a rare feat for a publisher. Unusual, too, is the Wilson " service basis " plan whereby the cost to each library is in proportion to the use made of the service.

May the Wilson " lighthouse " continue to flash its ever more powerful and revealing beam on the continually augmenting world of books !

New M.I.T. Centre

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is establishing a centre for scientific aids to learning to study methods of collecting, organizing and communicating knowledge. In addition to research into aspects of printing, documentary reproduction, visual education, sound recording and mechanical selection systems, the centre will also train technicians, librarians and others in allied fields.

Based on the existing fine library at the Institute, the new centre will include laboratories, darkrooms, a small machine shop for experimental work etc., a special exhibit of past and current equipment and a library largely assembled from periodicals. Research is already in progress on methods of mechanical selection and possible applications to chemical literature, sound recording and related subjects.

The centre, which is financed by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, is a very enterprising and worthy offshoot of the Institute and members everywhere will doubtless wish it ever increasing success in its programme of research.

Reviews

NATIONAL CENTRAL LIBRARY. 31st Annual Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 28th February, 1947. London, 1947. pp. 28.

The N.C.L.'s report was not received until almost a year after the end of the period to which it relates, but it is pleasant to see that it shows a welcome improvement in the Library's affairs and services. The international lending service interrupted by the war has been substantially resumed; a gift of over 10,000 books and periodicals has been received from the Inter-Allied Book Centre to replace war losses; and the number of book loans from the Library's own stock and associated libraries has again greatly increased.

It is encouraging to read that the Treasury is so alive to the importance of the Library's work that it has increased its grant for the current year to £14,500.

LEVÉLTÁRI KÖZLEMÉNYEK. Revue des Archives Nationales de Hongrie. 1946, Budapest I, Vár, Bécsikapu-tér 4. pp. 360. 15 forint.

The 1946 edition of this review, edited by István Sinkovics, has just come to hand. Short summaries of the eleven articles on various aspects, historical and practical, of archives are given in French at the end of the volume. These include such topics as the fate of the Hungarian national archives during the 1944 siege of Budapest, problems arising in the publication of medieval archives (dating before 1526), and methods of reproducing wax seals for research purposes.

MODERN PAPERMAKING. R. H. Clapperton and W. Henderson. 3rd edition, 1947. Oxford: Basil Blackwell. pp. xii, 380, xx. 30s.

After dealing with the various kinds of fibrous raw materials from which paper is made, the authors take the reader progressively through the different papermaking stages describing at the same time the types of machines and apparatus employed.

Papermaking on the Fourdrinier machine and the M.G. or Cylinder machine is dealt with at considerable length. The better class papers receive attention together with descriptions of the processes they pass through to give them their respective finishes and characteristics. Newsprint, the manufacture of which tends to become increasingly specialized, is also dealt with exhaustively.

The book, which is now in its third edition, is copiously illustrated and concludes with chapters on calendering, winding, conditioning, testing, etc. The important question of water supply in the paper industry also receives consideration. This third edition carries an index, a feature that was unfortunately lacking in the previous one published in 1941.

The book is well presented, well written and may be looked upon as a standard work. From it, the apprentice, student and experienced papermaker alike can derive much useful and authoritative information on the fascinating industry with which it deals.

F. R. HERRON.

Aslib Study Course

Aslib's Study Course this year (from April 13th to 17th) has been arranged to help students who have recently started work in special libraries and information bureaux. In addition to visits to various special libraries in the mornings, the course includes afternoon lectures on the critical selection of references in the compilation of bibliographies, how to keep information records up to date, the critical selection of statistics for information purposes and the reproduction of MSS. A circular giving full details of the course has already been circulated with the last issue of this bulletin but any members wishing to attend who have not yet sent in applications are asked to do so as soon as possible.

New periodicals

From time to time Aslib notices the publication of new periodicals. Particulars of a selection of these are given below and it is hoped to publish a further selection in the next issue of the Bulletin. An asterisk denotes that a specimen copy is held by Aslib.

General and bibliographical.

**Bibliografia bibliografii i nauki o ksiaszce.* Published by Panstwowy Instytut Ksiazki, Ul. Narutowicza 59a, Lodz, Poland. First issue 1947. No. 1. Bibliographia Poloniae Bibliographica.

**Book Handbook.* An illustrated quarterly for owners and collectors of books. Published by the Book Centre, London, N.W.10. 2*s.* 6*d.* per copy.

**The Cambridge Journal.* A monthly review. Published by Bowes and Bowes, Cambridge. Vol. 1. No. 1. October, 1947. 3*s.* per copy 30*s.* p.a.

Desiderata. A weekly providing a direct link between library and bookseller. Published from 6-7-8, Old Bond Street, London, W.1. Vol. 1, No. 1, January 2, 1948. £3. 3*s.* p.a.

Facts for industry. "A monthly service of information about developments in technology and research for business men, investors, the Press, educationists and suppliers of services to industry". Published by A. E. Blake, Lower North Dean, Hughenden, High Wycombe, Bucks. £2 2*s.* p.a.

The Gate. International review of literature and art in English and German. Now published by Pen-in-hand Publishing Co., Ltd., 11, St. Michael's Street, Oxford. Quarterly. 10*s.* p.a.

**The Indian Archives.* Published by the Imperial Record Department, New Delhi, 5. Quarterly. First issue Jan. 1947. Rs. 8 (in India). 12*s.* (abroad) p.a.

**The Industrial Index.* Edited and published by R. W. Parr, 93, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham. Vo. 1, No. 1. Jan. 1947. Monthly. 15*s.* p.a.

**Information.* Published by the Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, Box 9a, Elizabeth Street P.O., Melbourne, Australia. First issue June 1947. Free to ASLIS members, 25*s.* p.a. to non-members.

**Numismatic Literature.* Published by the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York 32, N.Y., U.S.A. First issue October 1947. Quarterly. 35 cents per copy, $1.00 p.a.

Population Studies. A quarterly journal of demography. Published by the Cambridge University Press. Vol. 1, No. 1. June 1947. 10*s.* per copy.

La Vita del Libro. Bollettino d'informazioni bibliografiche. Published by Vallecchi, Florence. Quarterly. Vol. 1, No. 1. Jan./March 1947.

S.O.S.

The following Aslib publications are entirely out of stock:

Report of Proceedings of Annual Conferences: Nos. 2 (1925), 6 (1929) and 10 (1933).

Aslib Book-List: Vol. 6, No. 1 (January 1941).

Aslib Information: Nos. 3 (March 1930), 5 (September 1930), 17 (September 1933) and 72 (November 1946).

Repeated requests are received from members at home and overseas for complete sets of our publications which we are most anxious to supply, especially to members in countries where complete sets are not available. We should, therefore, be most grateful to any members who would be willing to let us have spare copies which they no longer need, to fill these gaps.

Italian Metallurgical Meeting

The 2nd National Meeting of the Associazione Italiane di Metallurgia is to take place from the 23rd to 25th of April, in Milan. One day will be spent debating papers on the corrosion and ageing of metals and the other two will be reserved for debates on free subjects. The address of the Association is Via S. Paolo 10, Milan.

Change of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

British Railways, Mr. T. M. Herbert, London Midland Region Headquarters: now at Euston Station, London, N.W.1. Telephone: Euston 1234.

Ministry of Supply, Directorate of Guided Projectiles (Shell Mex House): now Directorate of Guided Weapons Research and Development, Thames House, London, S.W.1. Mr. J. E. Stainer replaces Mr. F. Clark.

British Postgraduate Medical School: now Postgraduate Medical School of London (University of London), Ducane Road, London, W.12.

South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Scientific Liaison Office: to 39 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, London, S.W.7.

Rotol Ltd., Gloucester: Miss Audrey Horsell, B.A. (Librarian) replaces Mrs. S. Senior, (Technical Librarian).

Beecham Research Laboratories Ltd.: Mr. E. F. Broome, librarian, replaces Mr. I. Gellman, Head of Intelligence Department.

French Mission of Information in London: Monsieur F. Lassalle is now representative.

Scottish Seaweed Research Association, Institute of Seaweed Research: Mrs. Margaret Spence has replaced Miss D. Maxton, M.A. as Librarian and Aslib representative.

Croydon Public Libraries: Mr. Henry A. Sharp, F.L.A., has been appointed Chief Librarian in place of Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers who has retired.

Marchon Products Ltd., Whitehaven: Miss E. Schafler replaces Miss A. Schwarcz.

Warrington Municipal Library: to Museum Street. Mr. G. A. Carter, F.L.A., replaces Mr. J. McAdam, F.L.A., as Chief Librarian.

Mullard Radio Valve Co., Ltd.; to Cross Oak Lane, Salfords, nr. Reigate, Surrey. Representative: P. Ridgewell.

Boosey & Hawkes Ltd. (Research Division): now to be known as Wirek (Electronics) Ltd., Research Division, Gabriel Works, Columbia Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex. Mr. W. P. Osmond, B.A. (Librarian) has replaced Mr. J. F. L. Honeywell.

Printing and Allied Trades Research Association: now the Printing, Packaging and Allied Trades Research Association.

Imperial Agriculture Bureaux, 2 Queen Anne's Buildings: now known as Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.

Tube Investments (Group Services) Ltd.: now Tube Investments Ltd., (Department of Development and Research), Plumé Street, Aston, Birmingham.

New House Organ

Muirhead Technique is the title of the quarterly house journal of Muirhead and Co., Ltd., Precision Electrical Instrument Makers, of Beckenham, Kent, the first issue of which was published in January, 1947. Distributed free to users of the firm's instruments, and to other interested persons, this 8-page publication contains mainly articles about the Muirhead organization, its products and their applications, its policy and people, but also includes articles by those outside the organization.

Library Association Special Meetings

The London Group of the University and Research Section of the Library Association has arranged three meetings for 1948 which may be of interest to Aslib members. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Group, Mr. R. J. Hoy, has kindly stated that any members who would like to attend will be very welcome. The address of the Group is 1, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1.

The meetings are as follows:

On Tuesday, May 25th, at 6.15 p.m., there will be a joint meeting with the Circle of State Librarians on "The Cataloguing of Government Publications."

On Thursday, June 17th, at 6.15 p.m., at Chaucer House, Mr. A. R. Hewitt, Middle Temple Library, will read a paper on "The Law Libraries of London."

In October (date not yet fixed) there will be a meeting on "What Readers Expect from their Libraries—(a) Government, (b) Technical and Industrial, (c) Learned Societies.

These meetings will be announced in due course in the "Librarian's Calendar," which appears monthly in the *Library Association Record.*

Book Export Agency in Hamburg

A new company has recently been formed in Hamburg to export German books, newspapers and periodicals, particularly specialist and scientific works and periodicals. This new company is known as the Buch-Export-Gesellschaft, of Hamburg, 1, and has been founded by a group of well-known Hamburg business men: Rudolf Berckholtz, export merchant; Dr. Ernst Hauswedell, antiquarian bookseller; Christian Wegner, publisher; and Edgar Marissal, export bookseller. This new venture is looked upon as pioneer work towards the establishment of Hamburg as a centre of the German book trade, the position hitherto held by Leipzig.—*Hamburger Freie Presse,* 6 December, 1947.

Aslib Library Accessions

A Fővárosi Könyvtár Evkönyve. (Annual of the Municipal Library, Budapest,) XIII 1943-1945. A Székesfővárosi Szabó Ervin Könyvtar Evkönyve (Statements about the municipal Szabó Ervin Library) 1 1946. Budapest: The Library, 1946. pp. 88.

American Council of Learned Societies. Member of the International Union of Academies. Bulletin No. 40. March, 1947. Proceedings number. Washington: The Council, 1947. pp. 115.

British Broadcasting Corporation. A history in sound of European music, under the general editorship of Professor Gerald Abraham. The Corporation, 1948. pp. 30, illus. (First series: January to June 1948.) 6*d.*

British Council. Science Office. Select list of Chinese scientific journals and periodicals. Shangai: The Council, 1947. pp. 15. (Mimeographed).

CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGATIONES CIENTIFICAS. Catálogo Mayo, 1947. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigationes Científicas, 1947. pp. 218.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. OFICINA DE CANJE Y DIFUSION CULTURAL. ADSCRITA A LA DIVISION JURIDICA Y DE COOPERACION INTELECTUAL DE LA SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES. Annuario bibliográfico Dominicano 1946. Ciudad Trujillo: Luis Sanchez Andújar, 1947. pp. 183.

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FRANK, OTTO. Die Ordnung von Normensammlungen. Berlin: Beuth-Vertrieb GMBH, 1947. pp. 48. (Handbuch der Klassifikation Heft 2).

GREAT BRITAIN. DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH. Fuel research. The winning, harvesting and utilization of peat. H.M.S.O., 1948. pp. 24. *6d.*

HANDBOOK OF THE SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN, Ltd. The Association 1947, pp. 219. 10*s.* 6*d.*

MOUCHA, ANTONÍN. Správa knihovny. (The administration of a library). Prague: Fr. Borovy, 1947. pp. 197, illus. 80 *Kčs.*

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NATIONAL BOOK LEAGUE. Annual report 1946–1947. The League, 1947. pp. 31.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. A bibliography of etiquette books published in America before 1900, *comp.* by Mary Reed Bobbitt. New York: The library, 1947. pp. 35.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. Kamchadal and Asiatic Eskimo manuscript collections; a recent accession, by Avraham Yarmolinsky. New York: The Library, 1947. pp. 13, illus.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Manchus; a list of references in the New York Public Library, *comp.* by John L. Mish. New York: The Library, 1947. pp. 5.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. Montesquieu; a bibliography, *comp.* by David C. Cabeen. New York: The Library, 1947. pp. 87.

PATERSON, SIR CLIFFORD AND LEEDS, R.E. Diamond dies for wire drawing. Butterworth, 1947. pp. 9, illus.

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Legislative histories. ELIZABETH FINLEY. *Special Libraries*, 1947, 38 (10) Dec., 311–4.

Uses of legislative histories. MINNIE WIENER. *Special Libraries*, 1947, 38 (10) Dec., 314–8.

Legislative histories for private business. MIRIAM C. VANCE. *Special Libraries*, 1947, 38 (10) Dec., 318–20.

The Office of Technical Services is a very busy place. W. KENNETH LOWRY. *Library Journal*, 1948, 73 (3) Feb., 193–4, 208.

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Current problems of Council concern in research organization. DONALD YOUNG and PAUL WEBBINK. *Items* (Social Science Research Council), 1947, 1 (3) Sept.

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Some building notes from all over. *Library Journal*, 1947, 72 (22) 15 Dec., 1750–69. (Short articles which show how college and public libraries are planning, building or 'making do' under to-day's conditions).

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The decimal filing system. Part I. Development and method. Part II. The system in practice. R. F. ENGLISH. *Office Control and Management*, 1947, 1 (6) Oct., 86–7 and 1 (8) Dec., 124–7.

The story of the typewriter. I. Before 1840. RUPERT T. GOULD. *Office Control and Management*, 1948, 1 (9) 136–40.

Design in office equipment. GORDON RUSSELL. *Office Control and Management*, 1947, 1 (7) Nov., 108–11.

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Members' Advertisements

POST WANTED. Qualified librarian (Diploma), Ph.D., with 20 years' experience seeks post. Good languages; knowledge of scientific and technical terms; experience of administration, adult education, editorial work. Box No. 22.

POST WANTED. B.Sc., special library training and experience, used U.D.C., French and German, organizing ability, interested in mechanical methods, seeks temporary, possibly permanent, position in London. Box No. 23.

POST VACANT. Assistant technical librarian required, either sex, with knowledge of internal combustion engines, for U.D.C. classification work, preparation of bibliographies and surveys of existing information. F.S.S.U. in operation. Five-day week. Inclusive salary, £350 to £450 according to experience. Applications to the Secretary, British Internal Combustion Engine Research Association, 111-112 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, Bucks.

POST VACANT. Technical librarian. Applications are invited for the post of deputy technical librarian. Candidates should preferably hold a science degree or as a minimum qualification Inter B.Sc. standard—a scientific background and interest are essential. Other qualifications call for a good working knowledge of at least one foreign language, preferably German. Experience in a similar appointment and some commercial experience. Salary £400 to £550 per annum, according to qualifications and experience. Applications, giving age and full particulars to Staff Office, Rowntree & Co., Ltd., The Cocoa Works, Yorks.

PERIODICALS WANTED Urgently. *Abstracts*, A. (*Journal of the Chemical Society*), 1900-3 inclusive and also 1914-18 inclusive. Write Croda Ltd., Croda House, Snaith, Goole, Yorks.

PERIODICALS WANTED. *The Industrial Chemist*, Vol. 16 (1940) No. 190, and Vol. 20 (1944) Nos. 236 and 239. Box No. 21.

PERIODICALS WANTED. Wide range of British and foreign motor papers and trade directories including Vol. II (1900-1) *Motor Car Journal*, *Automotor Directory* (1903), Vols. of *Horseless Age* (before 1907), *L'Industrie Automobile*, *Who's Who in Business* directories. Purchase or borrow for research. Pollitt, "Hillside," Eskdale, Cumberland.

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column applies to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order,* 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

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ASLIB PAPERS

OWING to the rapid increase in Aslib membership in recent years, and to the amalgamation with the British Society for International Bibliography, there may be many members unfamiliar with the contents of past issues of Aslib publications. Aslib is in the happy position of being able to offer back numbers of the majority of its periodicals, so this seems to be an opportune moment for indicating some of the valuable original papers which have appeared in them, and which are still available.

Any selection must be somewhat arbitrary, but that given below is designed mainly to demonstrate the type of material contained in these publications. Members are reminded, however, that a detailed *Subject and Author Index* to the *Report of Proceedings* of Aslib's Annual Conferences, Vols. I–XX has already been published, and provides a key to the great wealth of matter therein.

The three sources of these papers are *The Journal of Documentation*, the *Report of Proceedings* of the Annual Conferences of Aslib and the *Proceedings of the B.S.I.B.* The *Journal* is only available in the complete volumes (20*s*. per volume to members); the other two are available in separate copies.

The papers can be classed broadly into three groups: 1. Those dealing with the wider aspects of information work; 2. Those describing the services of individual institutions; 3. Those concerned with the technique of documentation. Examples of each type are listed below.*

1. ASPECTS OF INFORMATION WORK

Sir F. Kenyon: Organized knowledge in the world of the future. (A) 1944.

Prof. J. D. Bernal: Information service as an essential in the progress of science. (A) 1945.

Sir R. E. Stradling: The intelligence group in a technical team. (A) 1946.

J. L. Myres: Science and the humanities. (A) 1932.

S. C. Bradford: Fifty years of documentation. (B) Vol. VII, pt. 3, 1945.

S. Briet: La documentation en France, 1940–5 (C) Vol. I, No. 3, 1945.

2. INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS

E. S. Hedges and C. E. Homer: The functions of a technical information bureau. (A) 1935.

J. E. Wright: The special library and information bureau of the Post Office Engineering Department. (B) Vol. I, pt. 1, 1939.

M. Shaw: Documentation in an industrial laboratory. (B) Vol. IV, pt. 1, 1942.

W. J. Merrick: The library and information department of a pharmaceutical organization. (B) Vol. VIII, pt. 1, 1946.

L. Moholy: The Aslib Microfilm Service: the story of its wartime activities. (C) Vol. II, No. 3, Dec., 1947.

O. F. Brown: The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; its organization and duties. (C) Vol. II, No. 4, 1947.

3. TECHNIQUE OF DOCUMENTATION

J. Kaiser: Systematic indexing. (A) 3rd Conference, 1926.

Prof. A. F. C. Pollard and Dr. S. C. Bradford: The inadequacy of the alphabetical subject index. (A) 1930.

The establishment and operation of an information department. (Symposium) (A) 1932.

Col. L. Newcombe: Union catalogues, national and regional: their preparation and utilization. (A) 1936.

J. E. Holmstrom: Technical translating. (A) 1937.

The co-ordination of abstracting (general discussion). (A) 1943.

Punched card systems and their application to library and technical work. (Symposium) (A) 1947.

H. D. Murray: The diazo process of reproduction of scientific papers. (B) Vol. III, pt. 1, 1941.

S. C. Bradford: The Universal Decimal Classification: its origin and purpose, structure and use. (B) Vol. VI, pt. 1, 1944.

Fremont Rider: The organization of microcard production. (C) Vol. I, No. 2, 1947.

E. M. Bennett: The classification of inventions disclosed in United Kingdom patent specifications. (B) Vol. VII, pt. 1, 1945.

A. D. Roberts: The preparation and coverage of critical and select bibliographies. (A) 1946.

THE 1948 CONFERENCE

Aslib's 23rd Annual Conference will take place this year from September 17th to 20th at Ashorne Hill, Warwickshire, some four miles from Leamington Spa. Residential accommodation will be available for about 200 delegates and there are excellent rail connections to all parts. Further details will be given in future issues of this bulletin.

* The references after titles of papers indicate the three publications as follows: (A) Aslib *Report of Proceedings* of the Annual Conferences; (B) *Proceedings of the B.S.I.B.*; (C) *The Journal of Documentation.*

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Special Libraries VI : French Scientific Library

A small French scientific library is being built up at the Institut Français du Royaume-Uni. Books and periodicals can be borrowed by post. In addition microfilms of articles appearing in periodicals not available in the library can be obtained from France. These can either be consulted in the library, where a microfilm reader has been installed, or borrowed by post. All the library services are provided free. As many requests have been received for photocopies in preference to microfilms, a scheme has been worked out whereby microfilm enlargements can be obtained from France against payment in sterling. Charges for this service vary according to the size of the enlargement but work out on an average to about 1*s.* 4*d.* per page of 18cm. by 24cm., plus postage.

A catalogue of the books and periodicals available can be obtained from the Librarian, Scientific Library, Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, Queensberry Place, South Kensington, London, S.W.7. Requests for photocopies should be addressed to the General Secretary, French Scientific Office, 58 Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1., from whom further details can be obtained.

SLA Convention

The Special Libraries Association (31 East Tenth Street, New York 3) is holding its 1948 Convention in Washington from June 6–11 under the general heading of "Future Indicative".

The programme which is divided into three sections 'The Past is Prologue', 'The Present' and 'The Future', includes visits to places of historic interest; a two-day Federal Library Institute to acquaint visitors with workshop problems in federal libraries and the library services emanating from Washington, including visits to the Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office; and subject group meetings on 'Information at Source'.

The social side of the programme includes a costume party, moonlight cruise down the Potomac and additional library visits in the vicinity of Washington, and a tour through the Shenandoah Valley.

Review

DESIGNERS IN BRITAIN. Peter Ray, Editor. Published by Allan Wingate (Publishers) Ltd., for the Society of Industrial Artists. 1947. pp. 292. 45*s.*

A reference book is not always noted for its attractive appearance; neither is it always interesting to relax with for a few hours. But *Designers in Britain*, a kind of catalogue-cum-reference book of contemporary design, manages to combine charm with comprehensiveness and should well serve to bring home to those who are rather distrustful of art as such the important part which good commercial artists and designers can play in improving comfort and efficiency in the home, the factory and the office.

The book consists of examples of recent work by some hundreds of commercial and industrial designers, ranging from book designs, trade marks and posters to industrial equipment and ceramics. Each item is captioned with the name of the responsible designer and the body for whom it was executed, thus the book serves as a guide both to designers themselves and also patrons of design.

The Society of Industrial Artists and the publishers are to be congratulated for a very interesting publication.

British National Committee on Documentation

It is encouraging to be able to announce, at long last, the foundation of a British National Committee on Documentation which will be representative of the most important library and information organizations in Great Britain. At the inaugural meeting held on February 28th, 1948, an Executive Committee was appointed, and this has already met in preparation for a fuller meeting of the National Committee in April. The secretariat, for the moment, is being provided by Aslib.

It is already clear that, although details have still to be worked out, there will be much for this new body to do such as defining the exact scope of its activities, the conditions of membership, and so forth. One of its functions will be to act as the British National Committee of the International Federation of Documentation. Another will entail close liaison with the British Standards Institution on the standardization of certain techniques of documentation. It is hoped also that its existence will, in the future, obviate some of the overlapping of activities so very apparent this year, when the Royal Society, Unesco, and the International Federation for Documentation are all organizing meetings on similar subjects.

Northern Branch Meeting

A meeting of Aslib's Northern Branch was held at Warrington on February 12th, presided over by Mr. R. Brightman, Chairman of the Branch. Mr. E. J. Aslin, of Photostat Ltd., gave a paper on *Photostat Recording in Library Work* in which he described the various problems which had to be overcome in using photographic methods for fascimile reproductions of important documentary matter and the development of the Photostat machine. Of special interest to librarians was his description of the "Bookholder" which can hold books up to 18ins. by 24ins. by 4ins. deep approx. Two sections can be opened out to prevent damage to the spine of the book. A copyboard can be used for originals up to 36ins. by 48ins.

Mr. Aslin's paper, which can be borrowed from Aslib, was followed by a discussion, during which a communication from Dr. Urquhart was read which described the photostat service available at the Science Museum Library. The meeting concluded with a warm vote of thanks to Mr. Aslin and to the Warrington Public Library Committee.

Documentary Reproduction Service Charges

The following revised method and scale of charges for Aslib's Documentary Reproduction Service has been instituted to simplify accounting and administrative procedure. In most cases it will entail no increase in the total charges made.

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1. Wartime issues of journals of enemy and enemy-occupied countries in the Aslib microfilm library. Whole issues only supplied. Charge : 1*d.* per page.

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From 1*s.* per page upwards according to size. Minimum charge 2*s.* 6*d.* per article (item). Photocopies of particular items in the Aslib microfilm library can also be supplied at these prices.

A surcharge of 25 per cent. on all orders will be charged to cover all Aslib location costs, postages, etc. A further charge of 1*s.* per item will be made on all orders from non-members.

New periodicals

Following the list of new periodicals in the March issue of this bulletin, we print below a further selection of new periodicals which have been brought to our notice. An asterisk indicates that a specimen copy is held by Aslib.

Scientific and Technological

**Agrartudomanyi Szemle.* (Hungarian review of agrarian sciences). Published by the Hungarian Society for Promotion of Agriculture, Vol. 1, 1947. (Summaries in English).

Biological Abstracts, section J. (Abstracts of Cereals and Cereal Products). Published by University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Pa. U.S.A. 10 issues p.a. as from Jan. 1948.

Ceramics. The journal of the glass, pottery, clayworking, cement and silicate industries. Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. Vol. 1, No. 1. 1947.

**Electroplating.* Published monthly at 83 Udney Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex. 37*s.* 6*d.* p.a. Vol. 1, No. 1, Nov. 1947.

German Hydrographic Journal. Now being published by the German Hydrographic Institute, Hamburg, under the editorship of Dr. Arnold Schumacher.

Hungarica Acta. The following *Acta* are being published by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest V, Akademia-utea 2, : *Biologica, Chimica, Mathematica, Medica, Physica, Physiologica.* Each 35*s.* per vol. of 6 fasicules.

Metal Powder Report. Monthly abstract journal issued by Powder Metallurgy Ltd., Commonwealth House, 1-19 New Oxford Street, London, W.1., available to the public 1947. 67*s.* 6*d.* p.a.

**Microtecnic.* International review for measuring and gauging technique, optics and precision mechanics. In French and English. Published bimonthly, Lausanne, Switzerland; English agents: Bailey Bros. & Swinfen. 52*s.* 6*d.* p.a.

Pacific Science. A quarterly devoted to the biological and physical sciences of the Pacific region. Published by the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii Vol. 1, No. 1, 1947.

Plant and Soil. Published by Martinus Nijhoff Publishing Co., The Hague, Netherlands. $7.50 p.a.

**Quarterly Reviews.* Published by the Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W.1. Vol. 1, No. 1, 1947. 25*s.* p.a. (non-Fellows), 8*s.* per copy.

**Research.* A journal of science and its applications. Published by Butterworths Scientific Publications Ltd., 4, 5, 6 Bell Yard, Temple Bar, London, W.C.2. Monthly. Vol. 1, No. 1. October 1947. 45*s.* p.a. 3*s.* 6*d.* per copy.

Rubber Developments. Published by the British Rubber Development Board, Market Buildings, Mark Lane, London, E.C.3. Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1947.

South African Science. (Suid-Afrikaanse Wetenskap). Published by the South African Institute for the Advancement of Science. Vol. 1, No. 1. August 1947. 15*s.* p.a.

Sydowia. (continuation of *Annales Mycologici*). Published by Ferdinand Berger, Horn, Nied-Osterreich. Twice-yearly starting 1947. 40 frs. per vol.

Transactions of the British Bryological Society. Published by the Cambridge University Press. Vol. 1, No. 1. September 1947. 12*s.* 6*d.* per copy.

Unasylva. (Bi-monthly forestry journal) Published by FAO, Documents Office, 1201 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D.C., U.S.A. $3.50 p.a. 65 cents per copy.

**Verres et Refractaires.* Published by the Institut du Verre, 3 rue La Boetie, Paris 8e. Every two months, starting April 1947. 900 frs. p.a. 200 frs. per copy.

Change of Name or Address

E. R. Watts & Sons Ltd. : the company has joined with Adam Hilger Ltd., to form one company, Hilger & Watts Ltd., 123 Camberwell Road, London, S.E.5. Miss I. Yates is Librarian.

Camberwell Public Libraries, Central Administration Department : now at Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, London, S.E.22, Forest Hill 6511.

National Coal Board Library : Room 367, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.

British Hat & Allied Feltmakers' Research Association : at Department of Textile Industries, The University, Leeds, 2.

Social Survey : at Room 1233, Montagu Mansions, Crawford Street, Baker Street, London, N.W.1.

New Members

Since the list published in the February bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib :

Air Ministry Library, London	J. C. Norrey
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British Hat and Allied Feltmakers' Research Association, Leeds	T. Barr
Cape Town University Library	Chief Librarian
Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Psychotechniques, Paris	J. J. Grumbach
Conservative Central Office, London (rejoining)	Percy Cohen
Holborn Public Libraries, London	J. Swift
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, N.A.A.S. (South-east Sub-centre), Ashford, Kent	James E. Simmons
Ministry of Supply, Advisory Service on Plastics and Rubber, London	F. Clark
Parnall and Sons Ltd., Bristol	E. R. Robertson
United Nations Library, Lake Success, U.S.A.	S. Hartz Rasmussen
Wakefield C. C. & Co., Ltd., London	H. C. Claxton

Individual members : Miss P. H. Cutting (London), T. H. Hardwicke (London), W. Freeman Horn (London), Miss E. M. Laing (Croxley Green), Miss C. S. McCurdy (Kabete, Kenya), Dr. Elizabeth Schenk (London), Mrs. E. M. Sinclair (Rome), C. W. F. Skrimshire (nr. Reading).

German Chemical Industry Reports

The French Government has just entrusted to the Association pour l'Utilisation et la Diffusion de la Documentation (U.D.D.), an associate body of the Commission Internationale des Industries Agricoles, the task of circulating reports on German industry compiled from French sources. These reports, on the German Chemical Industry, should not be confused with those published by the British Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee or those published by United States authorities. They constitute a source of hitherto unpublished information which should interest all industrialists with chemical interests.

The Association offers copies of the catalogue of these reports to all who are interested—the address of U.D.D. is 18 Avenue de Villars, Paris, 7. Microfilms or photographic enlargements of the reports themselves, plus cost of postage, can also be supplied at the following rate : Microfilm (positives), per frame 3*d.* Enlargements, 21 cm. by 27 cm. per page 2*s.*

Catalogue of Medical Films

Numerous requests have been received from buyers of the Catalogue of Medical Films, compiled by the Royal Society of Medicine and the Scientific Film Association, and published by Aslib, for particulars of availability of the films listed therein. The following statement is, therefore, being inserted in any future copies to be sold, but members who have already purchased copies may wish to note the particulars.

"At the time of its compilation, this Catalogue was intended rather as an index of medical films existing in Great Britain than of films available for loan. In many cases the films enumerated are single copies and privately owned, and an undertaking was given that the ownership of these films should not be disclosed. However, the films in Part II are available to borrowers and may be obtained from the distributor named (see Key, page 46).

The explanation of the references is as follows :

1. RSM. This reference and number following are the catalogue numbers allocated in the Catalogue compiled by the Royal Society of Medicine and the Scientific Film Association conjointly. The Master file is held by the SFA. Particulars of any of the RSM films, other than those in (2) below, can be obtained by application to the Central Office of the SFA, 34 Soho Square, London, W.1.

2. RSM 100 to RSM 293 refer to the Kodak Medical Film Library which has been taken over by the British Medical Association, Medical Film Library, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1., for issue to members of the BMA.

3. CFL/UK, CFL/MA, etc., refer to the Central Film Library, Imperial Institute, London, S.W.7. The letters after the stroke refer to special divisions of the CFL.

4. CFL/Ph.L. refers to the Physiological Society's special films held by the CFL."

U.S. Navy films listed on pages 87–92 are not now available from the distributor named (Director of Naval Training, Admiralty, S.W.1.). If they should become available through any other source, notice will be given in a future issue of this bulletin.

Aslib Guides

Aslib will be publishing shortly the first of a new series of *Guides to Sources of Information in Great Britain.* Intended eventually to replace the now out-of-print *Aslib Directory* they will be published in loose-leaf form for easy replacement of out-of-date information. Each guide will cover one well-defined field, such as Agriculture, Beverage and Food Industry, etc.

Orders can be accepted now. The price of *No.* 1 : *The Paper Industry* will be 2*s.* 6*d.* ; to Aslib members 2*s.*

Aslib Library Accessions

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GORTER, A., *comp.* Scientific Periodicals in the Netherlands. A classified list of the more important current periodicals and serial publications in the fields of science, technology, agriculture and medicine, published in the Netherlands. The Hague : Centrale Organisatie T.N.O., 1947. pp. 40. f.3 ($1.25).

HOLMSTROM, J. EDWIN. Records and research in engineering and industrial science. A guide to the sources, processing and storekeeping of technical knowledge, with a chapter on translating. 2nd ed., rev. and enl. London : Chapman & Hall, 1947. pp. xii. 366, diagrams. 21*s.*

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RECORDAK DIVISION OF KODAK LIMITED. *The Times* in microfilm facsimile. An account of the microfilm reproduction of *The Times* from 1785 to the present day. Made by Kodak Ltd., and now available to libraries, learned societies and universities throughout the world. London : Kodak Ltd., n.d., pp. 28, illus.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY. Agriculture : a selective bibliography of modern books in the library of the Royal Dublin Society. Dublin : The Society, 1948. pp. 31. 6*d.*

STOCKHOLM. THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES. Who's who and what in scientific and technical research in Sweden. Stockholm : The Academy, 1947. unpaginated. (mimeographed).

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Book coupon scheme to be studied in 1948. EDWARD J. CARTER. *Unesco Courier,* 1948, 1 (1) Feb., 6.

Translation of classics to be promoted by Unesco. PROF. JEAN-JACQUES MAYOUX. *Unesco Courier,* 1948, 1 (1) Feb., 7.

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A librarian looks at Central Europe. EMERSON GREENAWAY. *Library Journal,* 1948, 73 (4) 15 Feb., 277–80.

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Publication and classification of scientific knowledge. (Summary of conference of "users" of scientific information, Cambridge, 25 Oct., 1947). *Scientific Worker,* 1948, 3 (1) Feb., 12–14.

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Members' Advertisements

Situation Wanted

Engineering graduate, 34, experienced aeronautics, technical publications, information, wants responsible position, central London. Box No. 25.

Situations Vacant

Distillers Co., Ltd., require a librarian for their Research Dept. (Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey). Honours Degree in Chemistry essential : experience in biological work an advantage. Technical library experience, knowledge of abstracting and editing technical abstract journal required. French and German essential.

The Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London, E.C.2. Vacancy for a junior assistant (female) to the Librarian. Age limit 25, salary according to age (£200 at age 20). Typing essential. Library training and experience desirable. Apply to the secretary.

Periodicals for Sale

Times Literary Supplement : offers are invited for bound issues from 1902–1938 inclusive, also for duplicate volumes for the years, 1924, 1925 and 1926. The Librarian, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

Proceedings of the Physical Society (unbound copies), 1918–26, 1936–47. *Science Abstracts,* Section A, 1919–26, 1937–47, Section B, 1919–26, 1938–48. *Journal of Scientific Instruments,* Vols. 15–24, unbound. *Journal of the Institute of Electrical Engineers,* 1938–48, unbound. *Journal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers,* 1923–26, fully bound for the year, 1927–45, unbound copies. Various technical books on electrical engineering. Numerous copies of the *Bell Telephone Journal* and *Bell Telephone Record.* The above to be sold at commercial rates now prevailing. Box No. 24.

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23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1948

September 17th–20th

ASHORNE HILL, near LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKSHIRE

THE Aslib Conference this year will be held at Ashorne Hill, Warwickshire, the conference centre of the British Iron and Steel Federation, to whom we are greatly indebted for the opportunity of holding a fully residential conference. So many members have asked Aslib to provide such a conference that we are confident the experiment of leaving London will be a success.

Residential accommodation for about 175 visitors will be available at Ashorne Hill and, if necessary, bookings for a further thirty will be obtainable in Leamington Spa, the nearest town and railway station, some four miles distant. Leamington is served by both Western and London Midland Region trains, which take under an hour from Birmingham and just over two hours from London. Special transport will be arranged from the station to Ashorne Hill itself. Those who do not wish to stay at Ashorne Hill may prefer to make their own arrangements for accommodation at Warwick or Stratford-on-Avon which are five and ten miles away respectively. The catering arrangements at Ashorne Hill will allow about 100 extra visitors to be fed each day in addition to the residents.

The programme for the Conference is not yet finally settled, but it is expected to start on the Friday evening with the first statutory general meeting of the new Aslib. Saturday morning will be devoted to "The Training of the Information Officer," and Saturday afternoon to the art and technique of book reviewing and the value of reviews in information work. The speakers on Sunday will include Sir Cuthbert Whitaker on the history and the compilation of Whitaker's Almanac, and Mr. E. J. Carter on the library activities of Unesco. Opportunities will also be provided for public discussion of points emerging during the Conference.

On the social side, a limited number of tickets will be available for an excursion to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre on the Saturday evening, and a social evening with informal dancing will be arranged. There are four tennis courts, gardens, and 150 acres of park and woodland within the precincts of Ashorne Hill itself.

Further details will be given, as they become available, in future issues of this bulletin, and the application forms will be circulated as soon as possible. The maximum fee for the whole conference, including sleeping accommodation and meals from the Friday tea to Monday breakfast, will be not more than five guineas each.

U.D.C. Standard

The British Standards Institution has just announced publication of the Abridged English Edition of the Universal Decimal Classification (B.S. 1000A : 1948). This runs to 127 pages and comprises the Introduction (principles and application), Main and Auxiliary Tables and short alphabetical index. It is the first abridgement of the full U.D.C. to be published in English, and is intended for use in libraries or private collections where detailed sub-division of subjects is not required, or in special libraries using the full classification in a given subject but requiring an abridged classification for other fields.

Copies are obtainable from the Sales Department, British Standards Institution, 24 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1., price 25*s.* net.

Import of German Publications

The Acting Secretary of the Enemy Wartime Publications (Requirements) Committee (EPCOM), has announced that it has been possible to make arrangements between H.M. Stationery Office and European Periodicals, Publicity and Advertising Company (EPPAC) for the delivery to HMSO of some thousands of German books for distribution to libraries in this country.

(2, 3 and 5 Studio Place, Kinnerton Street, London, S.W.1.), EPPAC Ltd., is a commercial organisation which aims to re-introduce German books, newspapers and periodicals to the world at large and to re-establish contact with those professionally interested in German technical developments. It was the first organisation to sign large-scale contracts with German publishers to enable them to re-establish trade connections.

The books and journals are at present being sorted by HMSO and delivery to libraries, in accordance with the desiderata lists originally submitted to EPCOM, will begin as soon as possible. As the necessary preliminary checking will take some time, librarians are asked to restrict their enquiries during this period to a minimum. The prices to libraries are to be calculated on an exchange rate equivalent to 1 Mark—1*s.* 6*d.* To ease the work of distribution it is essential that librarians return immediately to HMSO any publications which they ordered originally but now no longer require.

Summer Schools in Librarianship

A Summer School of Library Practice, under the title of "New ideas for old" is being organized by the Scottish Library Association at St. Andrews from 1st to 10th of July, 1948. Applications should be sent to the Local Secretary, Mr. McArthur, University Library, St. Andrews.

A Summer School of Librarianship is also being organised by the Library Association at Birmingham from the 15th to 28th of August, 1948. Enquiries should be addressed to Mr. W. Pearson, A.L.A., Hon. Secretary, Library Association Summer School, Reference Library, Birmingham 1.

The Leeds Conference

A successful two-day conference was arranged by the Northern Branch of Aslib at Leeds on April 2nd and 3rd. Some 60 to 70 members and visitors were present.

The opening session on the Friday afternoon was under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Brearley, Managing Director of Brotherton & Co., Ltd. It was held at the Central Library where an exhibition of books useful to special librarians had been arranged by Mr. F. G. B. Hutchings, the City Librarian.

The first paper was given by Dr. E. Simister, Director of Research, Kirkstall Forge, Ltd., on "Research and information services for the metallurgical engineer". He spoke from the research workers' point of view and indicated useful sources of information. This was followed by a talk by Mr. Hutchings on "Training and practice in special librarianship", in which he emphasized the necessity for a thorough grounding in the basic techniques of cataloguing, classification and the routine of librarianship if information services were to be developed in the most efficient manner. His talk was humorous and purposely provocative and produced a lively discussion on the relative value of a scientific or a library qualification as a preliminary for information work. The argument was only terminated by the arrival of an excellent tea.

Later in the evening the delegates were received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds at the very fine Civic Hall and were entertained with coffee and excellent refreshments.

On Saturday morning the delegates gathered in the Council Chamber of the Civic Centre. In the half-hour or so which preceded the main part of the morning's proceedings, Mr. A. H. Raine, of Brotherton & Co., Ltd., spoke and was followed by the Director of Aslib who gave an outline of recent developments of the association's work, its amalgamation with the British Society for International Bibliography and its connexion with international organizations. The Chair was then taken by the Lord Mayor of Leeds for the Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, C.B.E., M.P., Minister of Fuel and Power, who spoke of the value of research and information services. He referred to the work that Aslib was already doing in co-ordination and in the production of guides to information and said that he hoped that there would be full co-operation between Aslib and the centralized research projects which, under nationalization, would now be developed in connexion with fuel and power. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Director of Aslib and seconded by Mr. R. Brightman, Chairman of the Northern Branch Committee.

After lunch at the Griffin Hotel the delegates split up into two parties. One, under the leadership of Mr. Hutchings, went to visit Temple Newsam and its fine collection of art and antiques; the other went with Mr. A. H. Raine to the Wool Industries' Research Association at Headingley and then on to the Central Research Department of Messrs. Brotherton & Co., where a welcome tea was provided. At Headingley the visitors were fascinated (and tantalized) by a display of the newest developments in wool textiles, mostly for export, and at Brotherton's they looked with envy on the shelf space available to the newly developed library section. In short, the two days offered just that type of contact with fellow librarians which is most appreciated by Aslib members and the hard work put in by the organizers was fully realized and gratefully acknowledged.

T.I.D.U.

The German Division of the Board of Trade maintains an organization called Technical Information and Documents Unit at 40 Cadogan Square, London, W.1. (Kensington 5131, extension 165) for the purpose of disseminating the results of technical investigations undertaken in Germany and also giving technical advice on wartime industrial processes in that country. The published CIOS, BIOS and FIAT Reports are already well known through their sale by H.M. Stationery Office and the free distribution to libraries and scientific institutions throughout the country. It is not, however, so widely appreciated that in addition to, and in support of, these reports, T.I.D.U. maintains a large library of original German documents, treatises and research reports. These documents (as distinct from reports) are available for consultation at T.I.D.U. and, moreover, facilities are provided for having copies made in microfilm, microfilm print or photostat form at the cost of reproduction. Notification of the accession of individual documents to the library is made by the issue of F.D. summaries written in English on yellow foolscap paper. These summaries are sent to Trade and Research Associations and to a limited number of firms whose interests fall outside the coverage of any Trade Association. Aslib is willing to pass on requests for provision of these summaries which are charged for at the rate of 1*d.* per sheet.

Another aspect of the work of T.I.D.U. which is sometimes overlooked arises from the very close co-operation of the unit with its American counterpart, the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, Washington. As a result of this co-operation T.I.D.U. has most of the material concerning enemy countries announced in the American Bibliography of Scientific and Industrial Reports under P.B. numbers. It is, therefore, advisable to check with T.I.D.U. before ordering from America any document or report bearing a P.B. reference Number.

In addition to these services, T.I.D.U. also issues the series of BIOS Overall Reports (see Bulletin for March last).

Bibliographical Information

Bibliographia Internationalis, Brill (Leiden, Holland), is planning an Inter-continental Information Service, which will publish a monthly bulletin, the *Bookforecast*, of forthcoming books from all over the world covering all fields of knowledge. Each issue of about 10,000 copies will be distributed to booksellers and libraries in all countries. Publishers are to be supplied with entry blanks for advance announcement of new publications which should give librarians a better chance of ordering publications before they become out of print.

Current Foreign Literature, a monthly review of international bibliography, edited by M. Joffé and published by Constructive Publications Ltd., (6 Cavendish Place, Regent Street, London, W.1.) at a subscription of £1 per annum, consists of a selective annotated list of important publications throughout the world intended to assist scientists and scholars, publishers, librarians and booksellers. Annotations will be purely descriptive and printed on one side of the page only to enable users to cut out and file the notes on index cards. Prospectuses are available from the publishers.

New periodicals

Following the lists of new periodicals in the March and April issues of this bulletin, we print below a further selection of new periodicals which have been brought to our notice.

General and bibliographical

Documentreproductie. Dutch Society for Documentary Reproduction, C. J. J. G. Vosmaer, Wijttenbachweg 43, Oegstgeest, Netherlands. Monthly. First issue September 1947.

Documents of International Organisations: a selected bibliography. Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., 58 East 68th Street, New York 21. Quarterly. First issue November 1947. $2.50 p.a. 75c. per copy.

Humphreys. A monthly review of parliamentary and local government. H. J. Stubbs, 15 Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1. First issue Nov. 1947. 12*s.* p.a., 1*s.* per copy.

Parliamentary Affairs. The journal of the Hansard Society. 162 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Quarterly. First issue (1947). 16*s.* p.a., 4*s.* per copy.

Science and Religion. Editor: Dr. Robert E. D. Clark, Paternoster Press, Ludgate House, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Quarterly. 1*s.* 6*d.* per issue.

Transition 48. Anglo-French Literary Services Ltd., 72 Charlotte Street, London, W.1. Bi-monthly review. First issue January 1948. 27*s.* 6*d.* p.a. (6 issues).

Rivista delle biblioteche. Instituto Italiano di Bibliografia, largo S. Lucia dei Filippini 5, Roma. (1947).

Specialist

British Journal of Nutrition. Cambridge University Press. Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1947. 20*s.*

Calcutta Statistical Association Bulletin. No. 1, August 1947. 3*s.*

Engineering and Allied Industries Financial Digest. London International Press Ltd. 31–5 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. £6 for 12 months; £3 for 6 months. Editor, Francis Lewcock.

Enquiry. Monthly exploration into the unknown. Horace Cox Ltd., 239–41 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2.

Evolution: an international journal of organic evolution. Society for the Study of Evolution. K. P. Schmidt, Chicago Natural History Museum, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. Quarterly. Free to members of the society; $6.00 p.a. to non-members. First issue July 1947.

Journal of the Institute of Navigation. Institute of Navigation, Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London, S.W.7. First issue 1948. 25*s.* p.a.

Medical Bookman and Historian. Harvey and Blythe Ltd., 6 Hanover Square, London, W.1. (First issue of joint publication 1947).

Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology. R. C. Oldfield (Editor), Institute of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford. Published by Heffer and Sons Ltd., Cambridge. March 1948. 30*s.* per volume of four parts.

Quarterly Journal of Mechanics and Applied Mathematics. Editors: Dr. V. C. A. Ferraro (University College, Exeter) and Dr. G. C. McVittie (King's College, London). Oxford University Press. First issue April 1948.

Science Week. Newsletter of Science and Industry 612 North Michigan Avenue, Illinois. $25.00 p.a.

Abstracts from German press cuttings

The work on the *Monumenta Germaniae historica* is now being carried on at Schloss Pommersfelden, near Bamberg, and it is hoped to move it to Munich this summer if accommodation permits. The new president is Prof. Dr. Friedrich Baethgen, and the work is now being done under the ægis of the three south German states.—*Kieler Nachrichten*, 6 March 1948.

A book exchange office (Buchfern-tauschzentrale) for all zones of Germany has been set up at Memmingen in Bavaria. —*Freie Presse*, 22 November 1947.

The union catalogue of scientific literature in Nordrhein-Westfalen is to be housed in the university library at Cologne.—*Westfalenpost*, 9 January 1948.

The Deutsches Biographisches Institut (Berlin-Charlottenburg, Riehlstr. 8) is making a card index of all prominent persons in politics, economic life, and learning. This card index can eventually form the basis of a German *Who's who?*—*Rheinische Post*, 8 November 1947.

Notes

The Social Science Research Council (230 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.) commenced publication in March 1947 of a new 12-page quarterly, *Items*, which takes rather the form of a "house" journal though all the articles are not necessarily on the work of the SSRC itself. Each issue contains, in addition to news about the Council's committees, publications and personnel, articles on such subjects as the "Books for Europe Program," "The Public Library Inquiry," "Problems of Council Concern in Research Organization," "The Problem of Social Science Personnel: Recruitment or Training?," "Agricultural Economics Research in the United Kingdom".

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The first issue of a new monthly, *The Book Exchange* (published by Fudge & Co., Ltd., Sardinia House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.) was published last April. It is supplied on subscription only (10*s.* or $2) and contains lists of Books Wanted, for the book trade alphabetically arranged or in individual lists, Books for sale and also a non-trade section for the use of librarians, collectors and others not actually members of the book trade. The rate for this latter section is 1*d.* per word.

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Lift provides a new kind of publicity medium; a four-page news-sheet, it accepts material from industry and national organizations at a cost of £3 : 13 : 6 per 100 words which, as the title implies, can be "lifted" and used elsewhere with reference to *Lift* or the firm making the announcement. Blocks of illustrations used therein can also be supplied. It is published by Claudax Publications, 55 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

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New Members

Since the list published in the April issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

Brierley Hill Public Libraries (Staffs.)	H. W. Woodward
British Australian Lead Manufacturers Pty. Ltd., (New South Wales)	H. Randall
British Institute of Management	G. W. Farrell
Calor Gas (Distributing) Co., Ltd. (Research and Development Division) (Addlestone)	Miss M. A. Harris
Central African Council (Salisbury, S. Africa)	Dr. J. E. Keyston
Chester Beatty Research Institute (London)	Dr. Alexander Haddow
Chivers & Sons, Ltd. (Cambridge)	E. Smart
Compagnie Générale de Télégraphie sans Fils (Centre d'Information et Documentation) (Paris)	O. Brix
Cossor, A. C., Ltd. (London)	K. J. Spencer
Economist (The)	Stephen J. Kees
Ericsson Telephones, Ltd. (Research Dept.) (Beeston, Notts.)	R. C. Woods
Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Councils (London)	Kenneth G. Grubb
Hosiery Research Council (Nottingham)	W. A. Dutton
Hurst & Son, Ltd. (London)	W. J. Smith
Ministry of Civil Aviation Library (London)	J. Burkett
National Coal Board (London)	A. F. Ridley
Nicholas Proprietary, Ltd. (Victoria, Australia)	H. C. Lewis
N. V. Polak & Schwarz's Essencefabricken (Library and Documentation Dept.) (Hilversum)	J. M. v.d. Heuvel
Pacific University Library (Oregon, U.S.A.)	Robert K. Johnson
Powell Duffryn Research Laboratories, Ltd. (London)	Miss H. G. Field
Slough Social Fund, Ltd.	A. T. Carr
Yale University Library (U.S.A.)	Librarian

Individual members: Miss M. Couldrey (London), H. E. L. Freytag (London), James McCartney (N. Ireland), Mrs. O. M. McQuillan (London), Miss K. J. Sinclair (Windsor), Lt. Col. H. E. Temple (London).

Changes of Address and Aslib Representative

South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Scientific Liaison Office: to Africa House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Telephone: Holborn 3422.

British Coal Utilization Research Association: to Randall Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Fire Offices Committee, Fire Protection Association: to 84 Queen Street, London, E.C.4.

Richard Crittall, Research and Development, Ltd.: Mr. J. P. Freyne replaces Miss G. Hale.

Daily Mirror: E. R. C. Lintott (Deputy Editor, Research Bureau) temporarily replaces Mr. O. Devereux Price (Director, Research Bureau).

King's College Library, Newcastle-on-Tyne: Mr. R. O. MacKenna, M.A., A.L.A., replaces Mr. B. S. Page as Librarian.

Morgan Crucible Co., Ltd.: Mr. J. King replaces Mr. A. E. Wiggs.

Renold and Coventry Chain Co., Ltd., (Manchester): Mr. J. E. Dulson replaces Mr. K. W. Atkinson.

Gift Offer

The Librarian of Nottingham Public Libraries (Central Library, South Sherwood Street, Nottingham) has copies of the *Canadian Patent Office Record*, from January 1938 to December 1946, available for presentation to a library. Members should apply direct to the Librarian.

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Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column applies to a man between the ages of 18 and 50 inclusive, or a woman between the ages of 18 and 40 inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order, 1947, or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.

Situation Vacant

A Librarian is required to take charge of the Library of the British Boot, Shoe, and Allied Trades' Research Association. Applicants should have a good Science degree, preferably in Physics or Chemistry. The work will include an information service for members and staff, and responsibility for certain publications. Salary as recognized scale according to age and qualifications. F.S.S.U. Apply to the Director, Satra House, Rockingham Road, Kettering.

Publications Wanted

Analyst, February 1943, and *J. Inst. Metals*, September 1943. Write: Librarian, Messrs. Johnson, Matthey and Co., Ltd., 76 Hatton Garden, London, E.C.1.

Inst. Chem. Eng. and Soc. Chem. Ind., *Symposium on Particle Size Analysis* 1947, now out of print. Please write to Box No. 26.

Wanted urgently to complete set. *Bulletin of the Oxford University Institute of Statistics*: Vol. V (1943) No. 16; Vol. VI (1944) Nos. 6, 8 and Index; Vol. VII (1945) No. 14; Vol. IX (1947) No. 1. Write Librarian, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 10 St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

Light Metals, December 1944, January–December, 1945, January–December, 1946. Librarian, Pye Ltd., Radio Works, Cambridge.

Printed by W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., London and Bedford.

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Periodicals

We have reported before, that, as a result of a demand from the 1947 Aslib Conference, an expert committee has been meeting frequently to discuss the effect of format on the efficiency of periodicals. This committee will eventually offer its considered recommendations in a memorandum or pamphlet, but for the time being it may be of interest to indicate the lines on which they are working.

The intention is to recommend rather than to stipulate. The aim is to help the editors of learned and house journals rather than to instruct the trade and technical press. It might be objected that nearly every detail on which the committee has so far made up its mind is just plain ordinary common sense, but nevertheless we feel that such a distillation of wisdom is only achieved by some after much trial, error, and tribulation. This particularly applies to editors and publishers who are producing new periodicals, or who are making changes in established ones.

The committee has taken into account, amongst other documents, the draft ISO '46 standard *Présentation des périodiques*, and has supplied material for discussion under Section I of the Royal Society Scientific Information Conference. The committee has, in fact, been asked officially by the British Standards Institution to comment on this ISO standard for the next International Standardization Committee meeting on the subject, at The Hague in June in connection with the restricted conference of the International Federation for Documentation.

The matters which the committee has considered include titles, sub-titles, change of titles, references to titles, and the vexed controversy on whether a title should be printed from top to bottom, or otherwise, on the spine. They have worried over contents pages and indexes, the numbering of volumes and parts, and the prickly problems of pagination. Type areas and page and paper sizes have been examined in detail, and considered from a number of points of view, including that of the advertising societies. They have recommended three type areas, in which the dimensions are proportional, in order to reduce the cost and inconvenience of supplying different blocks for advertisements in different sized journals.

This by no means exhausts the list of subjects which will be covered by the recommendations. When they are published in final form it is hoped to expand the bare advice by the addition of explanations and factual data. Together with a bibliography all this will, we hope, produce a publication of great use to many members. The final result, we hope above all, will be such a rise in the standard of production that there will be far fewer headaches for librarians and information officers dealing with periodicals.

Obstacles to Documentation

It is surprising, in view of the present national drive for efficiency in production, to find that three years after the war many members are still being hampered by the persistence of a war-time expedient in one of the most important Government libraries.

During the war the Science Museum Library evacuated and made inaccessible a large number of books and periodicals. For all practical purposes they remain inaccessible. It is true that the evacuees were selected on the basis of less frequent demand but obviously, when it comes, the occasional demand may be of particular importance. In fact, a steady proportion of the requests for the location of reference material received by Aslib comes from members whose applications to the Science Museum Library have been returned marked 'publication evacuated'. For many of these items it is very difficult to find another location.

The Science Museum Library is short of accommodation, and competes with the Science Museum for available space. Nevertheless we hope the return of this evacuated stock may be given high priority by the Ministry of Education, under which both organizations exist. The Science Museum Library is to be congratulated on its new document reproduction service. It is efficient. It is a pity, however, that there should be such gaps on the shelves of the library on which it is based. The Science Museum Library is too important to have such gaps, particularly as it is one of the chief lending libraries of scientific and technical material to the smaller organization which cannot build up a large library of its own.

On the other side of the picture we have the rather curious position that some members are asking for a return to war-time conditions. In 1943 the alphabetical arrangement of the weekly acceptance list published in the Official Journal (Patents) was adopted as a temporary war-time measure, primarily because of the suspension for security reasons of the list of names of applicants. The Patent Office has now reverted to the earlier arrangement by Provisional Number. One of our members points out that now the "only way of checking up whether a certain company or inventor has obtained a patent is to wade laboriously through the whole list. Once a patent is accepted the provisional number ceases to have any significance . . . Patents are normally traced either by the author's name or by number and the Journal should be so arranged that a knowledge of either would enable a librarian to find out the subject matter of the patents . . ." The Patent Office retorts that "The experience of this Office shows that this (the present numerical arrangement) is more generally convenient for users . . ." We would be very interested to have the opinions of members who have to make use of the Official Journal.

American Translations Index

From the Special Libraries Association, New York, comes news of an interesting American development in the indexing of translations.

A master card file records known translations into English from foreign language articles or reports in the fields of Engineering, Materials, Aeronautics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Communications, Petroleum and Technology. Among those who have contributed data on translations in their files are many private industrial firms and such well-known agencies as the American Documentation Institute, David Taylor Model Basin, Office of Technical Services, Ministry of Supply (R.T.P.), The Iron and Steel Institute, and many others.

American organizations or institutions engaged in research in these fields may co-operate by sending a record of their translations to the index, or by inquiring for information on the availability anywhere in the country of a translation of a needed article. The index service does not supply the translations, but acts as a clearing house to supply to the inquirer the name of the organization or agency which already has a translation. The inquirer then makes arrangements directly with the holder of the translation for the loan or purchase of a copy.

To provide for organizations not wishing to reveal their interests through disclosing translations in their files, however, the service will act as exchange intermediary for the loan, keeping the names of the firms anonymous.

Mrs. Miriam Landuyt, Research Librarian, is chairman of the Translation Index Service for the Science-Technology Group of the Special Libraries Association.

Sweden

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT IN SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL RESEARCH IN SWEDEN. A preliminary manual. Royal Academy of Engineering Sciences, Stockholm, 1947. Mimeographed, unpaginated.

This work, which the editors emphasize is only a trial edition, lists academies, research councils, universities, industrial laboratories, and all types of institutes engaged in scientific and technical research in Sweden. The contents are classified according to the type of organization, i.e., State Research Institutes, etc., and details are given of the objects and work undertaken by each organization, together with the names of the principal members of their staffs. All the entries are given in English and tentative translations have been given of the names of the different institutions. What is badly needed, however, is a subject index and an index to personalia. Nevertheless, this work should prove to be of great assistance to those interested in the scientific and technical resources of Sweden.

N.B.L. Privileges for Visitors

The National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, is supplying special temporary overseas membership cards for visitors to Britain. These cards entitle visitors to the full use of the members' rooms and restaurant, free admission to National Book League exhibitions, and the use of the Library and Book Information Bureau for a period of four weeks. The cost is 7*s.* 6*d.* per card, and the National Book League will supply blank cards in any quantity to members of the League wishing to sponsor friends from overseas.

Notes

The annual *Register of Research* of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, as mentioned in the October 1947 issue of *Aslib Information*, records, firstly, all studies which couldnot be undertaken single-handed and for which assistance, financial or otherwise, is necessary and secondly, studies undertaken by holders of research grants and posts. Until now, this annual register has been circulated privately. However, beginning with Number 5, 1947–1948, it will be published by the Cambridge University Press at 12*s.* 6*d.* The register, which is the only information document of its kind, contains a classified list of research work, including work for Ph.D. theses, known to be in progress at universities and other institutions in Great Britain, in political science, economics, demography, sociology, psychology, social medicine, and other branches of the social sciences. Full particulars of the scope and progress of each project are included.

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In *Unesco: Its Purpose and its Philosophy*, (Public Affairs Press, Washington, D.C. $2.00, pp. 74), the author, Julian Huxley, describes under appropriate chapter headings, such as Education, Natural Science, the Creative Arts, etc., the purpose and philosophy of the Organization. In his concluding chapter, the author states that "The task before Unesco . . . in spite of all . . . multiplicity of detail, is single. That task is to help the emergence of a single world culture, with its own philosophy and background of ideas, and with its own broad purpose".

The first post-war edition of the *S.I.M.A. Handbook* (Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Association of Great Britain Limited, London, 1947), contains much useful information although, as is explained in the introduction, "Short of compiling a huge catalogue . . . it is impossible to do adequate justice to the wealth of scientific instruments and laboratory equipment now manufactured in Great Britain". The *Handbook* is confined therefore mainly to the activities of S.I.M.A.'s 84 member firms. However, besides acting as a directory of members the *Handbook* contains some interesting articles on the growth of the industry, etc., together with a classified index of products and a list of research associations and allied trade associations. It is obtainable from the Association, at 10*s.* 6*d.*

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A useful feature of the *Library Catalogue* of the Institute of the Motor Industry, (The Institute, London, 1948) is that it has been issued in loose-leaf form, which will enable it to be kept up to date from time to time by the issue of supplements. Another useful feature is a brief description of the U.D.C. and how it works, for the benefit of the user who is not familiar with this classification. The classification used is predominately U.D.C., although it has been necessary to fall back on Dewey in some sections for which no U.D.C. tables are available. It is to be hoped that future editions will contain an author index, which is badly needed. A limited number of copies are available from the Institute; the price is 5*s.* 6*d.*, plus 7*d.* postage.

The attention of librarians is called to the series of papers on *Living Conditions in Colonial Territories* issued by the Empire Information Bureau of the Royal Empire Society. These are mimeographed pamphlets giving all information that the intending settler or visitor may want to know about his territory. They are based on current information supplied by overseas correspondents of the Society.

So far, papers have been issued on the following territories: Ceylon, Cyprus, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Kenya, Malaya, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Tanganyika and Uganda. Copies of these are already circulated to a number of public libraries and will be sent free of charge to any library, on application to the Information Officer, Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2.

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Articles from the Spanish press dealing with finance and trade are summarized in the weekly air-mail bulletin, *Spanish Economic News Service* (Av. Jose Antonio, 31-D, 12, Madrid). English, French and German editions are available, and the subscription rate for this country is £4 12*s.* 6*d.* per annum.

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The complete 1940–1946 files of the Russian newspapers *Pravda* and *Izvestia* are now available in microfilms, it is announced by Messrs. Mac Loeb, 5415 17th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.A. A microfilm of *Knizhnaia Letopsis*, the Russian book index, listing all publications, printed in any language in USSR from 1917–1940, is being prepared by Messrs. Mac Loeb.

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New Members

Since the list published in the May issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants (London)	Mrs. M. Power
Board of Trade Library (London)	W. G. Santer
Burnley Central Library (Lancs.)	Richard Caul
Colonial Development Corporation (London)	A. P. Low
Instytut Badawczy Odlewnictwa (Foundry Research Institute) (Kraków)	Prof. Eng. Casimir Gierdziejewski
John Innes Horticultural Institution (London) (rejoined)	Miss D. M. S. Holmes
London County Council (Education Library) (London)	H. R. Mainwood
London County Council (Teaching and Research Laboratory Library) (London)	Miss D. C. S. Seemark
Mitchell Library (Glasgow Public Libraries) (Glasgow)	Andrew B. Paterson
Royal Holloway College (Univ. of London) (Englefield Green)	Miss F. R. Ellison
T. I. (Export) Ltd., (Birmingham)	F. B. Park
United Incandescent Lamps & Electrical Co., Ltd., (Ujpest, Hungary)	A. Newman

Individual members: Captain A. I. Lane (Hull), Dr. J. Leckie (Aberdeenshire), Mrs. G. M. B. Neal (London), Miss E. Pennock (London), J. Alex Symington, (Leeds).

Changes of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

Institut de Science Economique Appliquée: to 15 Queensbury Place, South Kensington, London, S.W.7. Telephone: Kensington 6211.

British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association: Mr. D. V. Onslow replaces Mr. A. E. Tooke.

Birmingham Public Libraries Reference Library, Birmingham 1: Mr. F. J. Patrick replaces Mr. H. M. Cashmore as City Librarian.

British Refractories Research Association has now amalgamated with British Pottery Research Association under the name of: The British Ceramic Research Association, The Mellor Laboratories, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. Representative remains Mr. A. E. Dodd.

Institute for Industrial Research and Standards, 45 St. Stephens Green, Dublin, Eire: Mr. D. T. Flood replaces Dr. J. J. Lennen as Director.

Military College of Science (F. V. Wing), Chobham Lane, Chertsey: now R.A.C. School of Tank Technology.

Punjab Public Works Dept. Library, Lahore, India: now West Punjab Public Works Dept. Library, Lahore, Pakistan. Mr. S. K. Burkie is Librarian.

Mr. Wilfred Ashworth, B.Sc., F.L.A., A.R.P.S., has resigned his post as Librarian of the British Cast Iron Research Association and is now Information Officer and Librarian to British Nylon Spinners, Ltd., of Pontypool, Mon.

STOP PRESS

We have just received the first seven numbers of the FIAT Reviews, which are: *Physics of solids* (pt. 1), by Georg Joos; *Biochemistry* (pt. 1), by Richard Kuhn; *Hygiene* (pt. 1), by Ernst Rodenwalt; *Radiology Diagnostic and Therapeutic*, by Hermann Holthusen; *Bacteriology and Immunology*, by Hans Schmidt; *Virus Diseases of Man*, by Richard Bieling and Heinrich Heinlein, and *Anatomy, Histology and Embryology*, by Philipp Stöhr, jr. These reviews are available on loan from Aslib.

A.L.A. Executive Secretary Resigns

Mr. Carl H. Milam, for twenty-eight years Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, has resigned his position with the A.L.A. in order to become Director of the United Nations Organization Libraries. Mr. John Mackenzie Cory, Associate Librarian, University of California Library at Berkeley, has been appointed as Mr. Milam's successor.

Aslib Library Accessions

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Civil Engineering

A new three-volume publication, *The Civil Engineer in War*, has been prepared in co-operation with, and under the auspices of, the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry and other Government departments. It is a comprehensive and authoritative account of the chief engineering works of the 1939–45 war, describing the problems which arose, the methods by which they were solved, and the way in which the solutions will benefit post-war civil engineering. As the various accounts have been written by those who were responsible for carrying out the works, they should prove a valuable record. The price is £2 2*s*. per set of three volumes. Details of the contents are given in a descriptive leaflet, which will be supplied, on request, by the Secretary, The Institute of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column applies to anyone not excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order, 1947.

Situations Vacant

Librarian required by Engineers in Westminster district. Capable of taking charge Technical Library; cross-refs., indexing, abstracting, etc. Man preferred. Age 25-30. Box No. 28.

Assistant (m. or f.) required for Patent Department (Research Information Section) of large Electrical Manufacturers in Central London. Should have good education and one or more of the following: Familiarity with scientific-technical literature, experience of librarianship, knowledge of languages (particularly French and German). Suitable for young engineer-chemist with flair for documentation (searching, abstracting, indexing) and patent work. Training if required. Permanent progressive post. Write fully, stating salary required. Box No. 29.

Assistant Librarian required for technical library. Age 20-25. Good general education, at least to H.S.C. standard. Knowledge of Physics and Chemistry essential, and of French or German desirable. Previous library experience an advantage. Initial salary approx. £300 p.a. according to qualifications. Box No. 32.

A Librarian is required to take charge of the Library of the British Boot, Shoe, and Allied Trades Research Association. Applicants should have a good Science degree, preferably in Physics or Chemistry. The work will include an information service for members and staff, and responsibility for certain publications. Salary as recognised scale according to age and qualifications. F.S.S.U. Apply to the Director, Satra House, Rockingham Road, Kettering.

Situation Wanted

Woman B.Sc. (Physics and Mathematics), seeks part-time employment (approx. 20 hours per week). Experienced Chemical and Engineering Research, library and information organization. Box No. 30.

Periodicals for Sale

Proceedings of the Physical Society, Vol. 37 (1925)–Vol. 56 (1944) incl. *Science Abstracts*, Physics Section, Vol. 28 (1925)–Vol. 47 (1944) incl. Offers to Box No. 31.

Printed by W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., London and Bedford.

CALCUTTA CENTRAL LIBRARY UNIVERSITY

Aslib Information

The Bulletin of Aslib, which incorporates the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux and the British Society for International Bibliography
52 *Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.*1.

No. 92 July, 1948

Germany

The latest information received in the Aslib office on the supply of books and periodicals from Germany, on the arrangement of exchanges, on the location of material already received in this country, and on German learned and scientific societies is as follows :

1. EPCOM. The Enemy War-time Publications (Requirements) Committee met for the last time on June 11th. The Foreign Group of the Associated Booksellers assured the Committee that they were able once again to undertake the provision of German books and periodicals in this country. Accordingly H.M. Stationery Office has informed its customers that it can no longer accept new orders from non-governmental institutions, including the trade. It will endeavour to complete standing orders of such issues as may be obtainable dated up to 31st August, 1948.

Members should therefore take steps immediately to place orders with their normal suppliers for works of continuation and periodicals appearing from September 1st onwards. H.M. Stationery Office will continue to distribute books and periodicals already ordered, as soon as possible after their arrival in this country, but it expects to complete this work by 31st October, 1948.

2. UNION CATALOGUE. Owing to the scarcity of the German books and periodicals published since the beginning of the war the Foreign Office has requested the National Central Library to compile a Union Catalogue of such of these publications as have reached the United Kingdom. A circular has been issued asking libraries and other institutions to co-operate by amending a check-list indicating their holdings. Anyone who is willing to assist but has not seen the circular should write to the National Central Library (German Union Catalogue), Malet Place, London, W.C.1.

3. EXCHANGE. Efforts are still being made by the Foreign Office to make possible the exchange in bulk of periodicals issued during the war by British learned societies, universities and other institutions with those published by similar bodies in Germany. These efforts are more likely to be effective if information concerning the numbers of publications involved can be supplied. Interested librarians are accordingly asked to notify the Director of Aslib, if they have not already done so, (*a*) of the total number of volumes or parts of periodicals issued during the war and held by them for exchange with German institutions, and (*b*) of the numbers which they should receive in return, indicating clearly whether it is known that these German publications are available for exchange purposes. The returns should be headed : " German exchange ".

It should be plainly understood that the information asked for relates only to the war-time accumulation of periodicals for exchange. Future exchanges must be arranged by institutions in the two countries privately.

4. LEARNED AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES. A card index of German learned and scientific societies has been prepared by the Foreign Office (German Section) and, in view of the dissolution of EPCOM, this will shortly be handed over to Aslib. We intend to maintain this index and, if possible, publish it when we feel that it is reasonably complete.

The Import of Periodicals

As a result of representations from Aslib and other bodies the Board of Trade has issued a further amendment to the Open General Licence, namely Notice to Importers No. 293 of the 12th July, 1948.

The effect of this Notice should be to free booksellers from their disabilities under Notice No. 281 and to make it possible for them once more to accept orders for foreign ' periodicals, magazines and the like, of a learned, scientific, technical or religious nature, or printed exclusively in a foreign language ' to be delivered in single copies direct through the post.

Members wishing to order their own periodicals in these categories directly from the publishers abroad must apply for an authorization by the Board of Trade which it will be necessary to produce to a bank when applying to remit funds. This authorization will be granted to any person giving a satisfactory undertaking in terms, set out at length in the Notice, concerning the categories of periodicals to be imported, and the furnishing of periodical returns to the Board of Trade.

Copies of the Notice are obtainable from the Import Licensing Department, Board of Trade, 189 Regent Street, London, W.1.

Winter Programme

In continuation of the series of meetings which used to be organized by the British Society for International Bibliography, Aslib will be holding six meetings during the period October 1948 to April 1949. A fixture card with details of the meetings will be circulated to members later but note should be made now of the following dates :

27th OCTOBER, 1948, 2.30 P.M. Standardization in documentation. A discussion of such matters as the draft B.S.I. Standards on *Bibliographical References* and on *Alphabetical Arrangement*.

17th NOVEMBER, 1948, 5 P.M. Symposium on classification. Description of the fundamentals of the Bliss and Colon Classifications.

15th DECEMBER, 1948, 5 P.M. Papers on " Information from advertisements " and " Re-arranging and Cataloguing a reference Library of books ".

16th FEBRUARY, 1949, 2.30 P.M. Microphotography from the user's point of view. A symposium.

23rd MARCH, 1949, 2.30 P.M. Symposium on methods of grouping specialist library services. The Sheffield system of interchange of technical publications, and the Royal Society of Medicine's service to medical libraries.

The annual general meeting of the new Aslib (formed by the amalgamation with the B.S.I.B.) will probably be held in April. We are indebted to the President and Council of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for permission to hold these meetings in their Lecture Hall.

Royal Society Scientific Information Conference

Aslib was officially represented at this Conference, held at the Royal Society from 21st June to 2nd July, by Miss E. W. Parker, Mr. C. Le Maistre, the Director and Mr. May. Members of Council who took part in working parties included Dr. Crowther, Mr. Cummins, Mr. Agard Evans, Mr. Fairthorne, Mr. Fullman, Sir Herbert Howard, Professor Hutton, Dr. Parke, Mr. Pledge, Dr. Schultze, Dr. Urquhart and Mr. Wright; many other members of Aslib were also present.

The subjects with which they were concerned covered the format, production, reproduction and distribution of scientific papers, abstracts, classification, copyright, training of information officers, mechanization of documentation, guides to information, translations, etc., etc. There were very few of the subjects covered by the Conference in which Aslib was not interested; many of the official conference papers were submitted by Aslib, or by Aslib members, and a number of the recommendations, if they are accepted by the Council of the Royal Society, will result in further extensions of, or even new, Aslib activities.

World Power Conference

At a two-day meeting of the International Executive Council of the World Power Conference, held at Stockholm recently, it was announced that the building of the Institution of Civil Engineers would be the headquarters of the Fourth Plenary World Power Conference, to be held in July 1950. The theme of the conference will be "World Energy Resources, and the Production of Power".

It was announced that the first post-war *Statistical Yearbook* of the World Power Conference is to be published this month; the *Yearbook* will contain data on resources and annual statistics covering the years 1936 to 1946.

A new edition of the booklet, *National Committees and Representatives* has just been published, in which particulars are given of the National Committees or National Representatives in the thirty-nine member countries of the World Power Conference. Copies of the booklet can be obtained upon application to: Mr. C. H. Gray, Secretary, International Executive Council, World Power Conference, 201–2 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

Notes

The Library of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1, has for disposal a number of University calendars and other reference books; a list of these publications can be consulted at the Aslib office.

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The American Council on Public Affairs, 2153 Florida Avenue, Washington, D.C., has issued the following documents in microfilm form: *Post-War Constitutions of the World*, compiled by Henry H. Collins, 35 mm., $10; *Who's Who in Economics*, by Dr. Victor Selden Clark, late Consultant in Economics of the Library of Congress, 35 mm., $10; *Soviet Dictionary-Handbook of Social-Economic Statistics*, a document in Russian prepared by the Central Statistical Administration of Soviet Russia, 35 mm., $8.

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Will any reader who would be prepared to exchange current issues of any, or all, of the following: the *Proceedings of the Royal Society* (Part A); the *Journal of the Chemical Society*; the *Transactions of the Faraday Society*; the *Philosophical Magazine, for the following German periodicals*: *Naturwissenschaften*; *Physikalische Berichte*; *Zeitschrift für Naturforschung*; *Archiv für Electrische Ubertragung*, please ask for particulars from the Aslib office.

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Orbis, Limited, Václavské námestie 42–46, Prague II, has a large stock of German books in various subject-fields and invites orders from libraries in any country. Owing to lack of staff it has been impossible to list the titles available but, as the stock is comprehensive, the needs of libraries can probably be met. Libraries are asked to communicate exact titles of works wanted or at least in which subject-fields they are specially interested.

THE INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO. 1948. 12th ed. London: Europa Publications Ltd. cm. 26. pp. 1032.

This work contains over 15,000 names of international repute. Each entry is a short biography giving the name, title, year of birth, nationality, education, profession, outline of career, the principal works and address of eminent living personalities. This edition includes many new names although, as the editors explain in their preface, it has not been possible to obtain biographies of all whom they would wish to have included. There are still certain parts of the world where it is difficult to establish the necessary contacts.

The scope of this work is so wide that omissions are inevitable. Thus, although the field of international affairs has been covered extremely well, that of the arts has been less fortunate, as while the names of John Gielgud, Paul Robeson and Sir Laurence Olivier are included, it is surprising to find that those of such well-known figures as Benjamino Gigli, Kirsten Flagstad, Maggie Teyte, Benjamin Britten and V. S. Pritchett have been omitted.

It is suggested that the inclusion of an obituary section would enhance the value of this established work.

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PAMPHLET BIBLIOGRAPHIES. A reader's guide. Published for the National Book League. Cambridge University Press, 1948. pp. 22. 1s.

This booklet is intended as a handy reference guide to some of the more useful select bibliographies and reading lists which, due to their size, do not receive the publicity extended to the more comprehensive and complete bibliographies. The compiler has confined himself to those of pamphlet size, and in each case the number of pages is given to indicate the approximate scope of each work, whilst a number of the lists have been annotated. The entries are arranged in subject order; a selection of the N.B.L. Book Lists is given separately. For readers in search of more extensive information Mr. Seymour Smith has included a brief note on some of the more substantial reference aids whose existence is often overlooked by students working without bibliographical guidance.

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The Royal Society of Arts offers scholarships to aid young British designers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland who are engaged in, or intend to enter, branches of industry in which design is of importance. The scholarships, each of £150 value, are available for travel abroad and/or further study at home, in connection with each of the following industries: Carpets, Dress Textiles, Footwear, Furnishing Textiles, Leather Goods and Solid Fuel Appliances. Particulars may be obtained from the Royal Society of Arts, 5 John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2, or from the principals or headmasters of local schools of art or technical colleges. The last date for the receipt of entry forms is 31 July, 1948.

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The H. W. Wilson Company, New York, publishers of the *Cumulative Book Index*, announce that the Index will in future be limited to United States and Canadian publications. This decision was taken as a result of a postcard ballot sent by the Company to all subscribers in the United States and Canada, asking whether they would prefer to continue the Index in its present form as a world list of books in the English language, with subscription rates raised as much as one-fourth to one-third owing to radically increased production costs, or to limit the Index in the above manner and maintain the present subscription rate.

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Personal

We are sure all members will wish to congratulate Mr. H. Hyams, our Council member, who has been elected a Vice-President of the Institute of Petroleum.

Miss Rose L. Vormelker, head of the Business Information Bureau of the Cleveland (Ohio) Public Library, is the new president of Special Libraries Association. She succeeds Mrs. Irene M. Strieby, librarian of Lilly Research Laboratories in Indianapolis.

An Army Technical Liaison Section has been opened in the office of the High Commissioner for Pakistan, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London, W.1., to carry out the functions of the late O.C.O. India/Pakistan, in relation to Pakistan. The initial staff will consist of Col. J. H. Lawrence-Archer, A.T.L.O., and Major T. A. Vahiddy, D.A.T.L.O.

Change of Appointment

Miss Daphne Drake, F.L.A., has resigned the Assistant-Librarianship of the Shakespeare Memorial Library on appointment as Technical Librarian to the British Cast-Iron Research Association, Alvechurch, Birmingham.

Changes of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

Coventry Public Libraries: to Libraries and Museum Department, Cow Lane, Coventry.

Hubert Williams & Partners Ltd.: to 6 Green Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1. Telephone: Mayfair 2012–3.

Nottinghamshire County Library: Miss L. V. Paulin replaces Miss M. F. Austin as County Librarian.

Central Electricity Board: now British Electricity Authority.

Finchley Public Libraries: to Administrative Offices, 9–13 Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3. Telephone: Finchley 0153.

Cooper Technical Bureau, Berkhamsted, Herts.: Mr. W. H. Whitaker, Information Officer, replaces Miss L. V. Attwood.

Southern Railway, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Brighton Works, Sussex: now British Railways, Southern Region, Chief Mechanical Engineer's Dept., Brighton Works, Sussex.

British Institute of Management, 17 Hill Street, London, W.1.: Miss P. Cutting, Librarian, replaces Mr. G. W. Farrell, Administrative Officer.

New Members

Since the list published in the June issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Ltd. (Calcutta)	A. H. Cave
Durham Chemicals Ltd. (Durham)	D. G. Clarke
North of Scotland Bank Ltd. (Aberdeen)	C. J. Shimmins
Oesterreichische National-Bibliothek (Vienna)	The Librarian
Philips Blackburn Works Ltd. (Blackburn)	M. Gibson
Yorkshire Tar Distillers Ltd. (Knottingley, Yorks.)	Dr. E. C. Holdsworth

Individual members: G. A. Bull (Harrow), Miss M. Harte (London), Michael Joliffe (Khartoum), James McGavin (Liverpool), Prof. T. J. Matthew (Birmingham), Alan M. Streete (London).

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Library Association Telephone Number

The new telephone number of the Library Association Offices at Chaucer House is Euston 5856 (4 lines).

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column applies to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order,* 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

Situations Vacant

Courtaulds Limited require a young woman graduate in Chemistry or Physics with a knowledge of scientific German for the post of Assistant in their Technical Information Bureau in Coventry. Duties will include abstraction from scientific periodicals, preparation of summaries and German translations. Salary according to qualifications. Applicants should write for a detailed questionnaire to the Director of Personnel, Courtaulds Limited, 16, St. Martins-le-Grand, London, E.C.1, quoting the reference number G.31.

A vacancy exists in the Library of the Research Department of the Distillers Company Limited, Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey, for a junior abstractor. Applicants must possess an Honours Degree in Chemistry and knowledge of at least one of the following subjects: Mycology, Bacteriology, Physics. Previous experience will be an advantage. Applications should be submitted to the Controller of Research and Development, The Distillers Company Limited, Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey.

Assistant Librarian (female) required for medical abstracting. Qualification in Pharmacy or Biology required; good reading knowledge of French and/or German desirable; previous similar experience not essential. Apply initially in writing, quoting Reference No. 1604, to the Personnel Officer, May and Baker Ltd., Dagenham, Essex.

A Librarian is required to take charge of the Library of the British Boot, Shoe, and Allied Trades Research Association. Applicants should have a good Science degree, preferably in Physics or Chemistry. The work will include an information service for members and staff, and responsibility for certain publications. Salary as recognised scale according to age and qualifications. F.S.S.U. Apply to the Director, Satra House, Rockingham Road, Kettering.

Situation Wanted

Woman B.Sc. (Physics and Mathematics), seeks part-time employment (approx. 20 hours per week). Experienced Chemical and Engineering Research, library and information organization. Box No. 30.

Periodicals for Sale

Journal of Pathology and Bacteriology, Vol. 28 (pt. 3)—Vol. 59; *Transactions of Royal Society of Tropical Medicine*, Vol. 14, (pt. 2)—Vol. 40 (pt. 4 missing); *Transactions of Royal Society of South Africa*, Vol. 1 (pt. 1), and Vol. 2—Vol. 22, (pt. 1), (complete except Vol. 5, pt. 1); *Tropical Diseases Bulletin*, Vols. 37–44 (Vol. 42, pt. 12 missing); *Bulletin of Hygiene*, Vol. 17 (no. 8 missing)—Vol. 22. Above are unbound, in good condition. Box 33.

Periodicals Wanted

Chemical Abstracts, Vols. 27–33; Vol. 39; second decennial index. Librarian, Fulmer Research Institute Ltd., Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Printed by W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., London and Bedford.

Aslib Information

The Bulletin of Aslib, which incorporates the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux and the British Society for International Bibliography
52 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

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CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

A new Aslib Periodical

The amalgamation of the British Society for International Bibliography with Aslib has made it necessary for the Aslib Council to consider the future of the two publications, the *Proceedings of the B.S.I.B.* which recorded the papers and ensuing discussions at the B.S.I.B. meetings, and the *Report of the Proceedings of the Aslib Annual Conferences.*

It has been decided to merge these two publications into one new periodical, *Aslib Proceedings*, which will appear three or four times a year. In size and format the new *Proceedings* will be similar to the *Journal of Documentation* and will contain papers, or summaries of papers, given at the conferences and meetings organized by Aslib, the Year's Work of Aslib, balance sheets, etc. It will also include accounts of the activities, of interest to members of Aslib, of the International Federation for Documentation, Unesco's library section, the Institute of Recorded Sound, the British National Committee on Documentation, etc. The *Proceedings* will therefore provide a permanent record of Aslib's activities and will also keep Aslib members in touch with latest developments in kindred organizations.

The inauguration of *Aslib Proceedings* means that Aslib will be publishing four periodicals for the benefit of its members, three of which are now provided free. With the very great increase in the cost of all overheads, particularly printing and envelopes, the Council regrets that it is not financially possible to distribute the new periodical free to all members but it has been decided that members shall have the choice of free copies of either the *Journal of Documentation* or the *Aslib Proceedings*. The fourth periodical can, of course, be purchased at members' specially reduced subscription rates, e.g. 20*s*. p.a. for either. An exception will be made for those members who are paying ten guineas or more p.a. in membership subscriptions; these will receive all four periodicals free of charge.

For the sake of records in the mailing department, members are asked to signify on the enclosed form which of the two periodicals they would prefer to receive free of charge and whether they wish to pay the additional subscription for the fourth. If no answer is received, it will be assumed that the present arrangement stands, e.g. that the *Journal* will be sent free and the *Proceedings* will not be sent. An early answer is requested in order that Aslib may assess the probable demands for the two periodicals.

In order to conform with recommended practice, Aslib proposes that in 1949 the issues of its periodicals shall be in line with the calendar, i.e. that the first number in the 1949 volumes will be in January. This means that there will be some irregularities in the number of issues per volume for 1948 but they will be clearly indicated. Thus there will probably be only two issues for the 1948 volume of the *Proceedings* but these will cover the September conference and the earlier 1948 Aslib and B.S.I.B. meetings. The first issue should appear in October.

ASLIB CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Saturday, 18th September

Symposium on the Training of the Information Officer.

Mr. B. FULLMAN, B.Sc., A.R.I.C., F.I.M.
(British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association).

Mr. J. S. P. PATON, B.Sc., A.R.T.C., A.M.I.E.E.
(Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Company Ltd.).

Mr. F. G. B. HUTCHINGS, F.L.A.
(City Librarian, Central Library, Leeds).

The Significance to Special Librarians and Information Officers of the Royal Society's Scientific Information Conference.

Professor J. D. BERNAL, F.R.S., M.A.
(Professor of Physics, University of London).

Sunday, 19th September

Press Cuttings.

Mr. ERIC SMYTHE, A.L.A.
(Librarian, Reynolds Press News).

The History and Compilation of Whitaker's Almanack.

Lieut.-Col. Sir CUTHBERT WHITAKER, M.A., F.S.A.
(Editor, Whitaker's Almanack).

The Art and Technique of Book Reviewing.

Dr. HUGH A. CLEGG, M.B., F.R.C.P.
(Editor, British Medical Journal).

Mr. R. BRIGHTMAN, M.Sc., D.R.I.C.
(I.C.I. Dyestuffs Division, Manchester).

The Value of Reviews in Information Work.

Mr. R. L. COLLISON, F.L.A.
(Reference Librarian, City of Westminster).

Practical Applications of International Collaboration in Documentation.

Dr. S. R. RANGANATHAN, M.A., D.Litt., L.T., F.L.A.
(President, Indian Library Association).

Dr. P. BOURGEOIS
(Director, Swiss National Library, Berne).

Mr. B. AGARD EVANS, M.Sc., A.R.I.C.
(Ministry of Works Library).

Mr. E. J. CARTER, B.A., A.R.I.B.A.
(Head of Libraries Section, Unesco.).

Report of the 1947 Aslib Conference

It appears that some members have been under the mistaken impression that the fee for the 1947 Aslib Conference covered the printed report and have therefore been expecting to receive a copy on publication. Unfortunately the high cost of printing made this impossible and order forms for the *Report of Proceedings of the Twenty-second Conference,* 1947 were circulated with the Aslib *Bulletin* early in 1948. For the benefit of those who overlooked it at the time, may we remind members that the cost of the *Report* (pp. 132) is now 5*s.* to members, i.e. considerably below cost price, and that it contains, amongst other articles and reports, a paper by Professor R. E. Peierls on the effect of atomic energy developments on scientific and technical publications, a symposium of contributions by Dr. G. M. Dyson, Dr. W. E. Batten and Dr. J. W. Perry on punched card systems and their application to library and technical work, and papers by Dr. V. E. Parke, Mr. L. G. Patrick and Mr. L. J. F. Brimble on the format and efficiency of periodicals.

Science Museum Library

In the article "Obstacles to Documentation", which appeared in *Aslib Information* No. 91, June 1948, attention was drawn to the widespread inconvenience caused to the scientific world by the continued evacuation of so many of the Science Museum Library books. Referring to this the Keeper of the Science Museum Library writes: "It may be pointed out in passing that a wrong impression may perhaps be conveyed by the phrases: 'the Science Museum Library . . . competes with the Science Museum for available space . . . Ministry of Education, under which both organizations exist'. For there are not two organizations but one, under a single head, the Director of the Science Museum, one of whose seven Keeperships is the Science Library.

"The Director has had a difficult task of allocation, having lost a quarter of his space, never ample, by the decision of the Ministry of Works not to rehabilitate the old rear galleries of the Museum, condemned as long ago as 1920. Anyone who has seen these galleries will agree that they would be no place for a book-stack, even if they were not already in use for storage of Museum objects, and that the decision not to rehabilitate them was amply justified.

"It is hoped that a proportion of the evacuated books may be reshelved in the Stockwell underground shelter, and that it will be possible to obtain staff to keep up a daily messenger service. This will be a decisive advantage to borrowers though, it is feared, a lesser one to readers. Whether the whole of the evacuated stock can be accommodated is at present doubtful."

Scottish Conference

It is proposed to hold a one-day Conference of the Northern Branch in Edinburgh in the Spring of 1949 with a view to testing the possibility of forming a separate Scottish branch. A resolution to that effect will be submitted to the Conference if sufficient support from special librarians in industry and commerce is manifest. The broad theme of the Conference will be Scottish Information Services. These will be considered in the light of the Royal Society's Conference on Scientific Information Services, and also with regard to the possibility of organizing a clearing house or issuing a reference work of information on Scottish affairs.

A provisional committee is being formed to arrange the Conference; Mr. H. Corteen, Director of the British Jute Trade Research Association, is Chairman, and Mrs. Spence, of the Scottish Seaweed Research Association, is acting as Honorary Secretary. Those members of Aslib who are interested are invited to communicate with Mrs. Spence at the Institute of Seaweed Research, Inveresk Gate, Musselburgh, Midlothian; Mrs. Spence will also be pleased to learn of those willing to serve on the committee.

THE MIDDLE EAST. Europa Publications Ltd., 1948. pp. 377. 50*s.*

This new reference book covers thirteen countries; Aden, Afghanistan, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Palestine (under Mandate), Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Lebanon, Transjordan, and Turkey. It has not been possible to include in this edition any reference to the smaller Moslem countries. Each country is dealt with under the uniform headings of Geography, Peoples and Religion, History, Government, Communications, Economic Life (including statistics), Education, Learned and Scientific Societies and Press, and is finished off with a Bibliography. A synopsis of subjects is given before each country for the guidance of those in search of specific information.

An index similar to that of the *Statesman's Year-book* would have been much more useful; in fact, most of the information contained in this new publication can be found in that long-established work of reference. *The Middle East* contains a number of illustrations which are rather superfluous in a work of this nature, together with some sketch maps which are a little more than useless. A useful "Who's Who in the Middle East" concludes the volume.

Notes

Following discussion at a joint meeting of the Circle of State Librarians and the London Group of the University and Research Section of the Library Association, held on May 25th, the Director of Publications at H.M. Stationery Office has decided, as from 1949, to include Parliamentary Papers under the appropriate Government Department in Part II of *Government Publications.* This new practice should be welcome to librarians and all who have to search for recent Government publications.

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Bailey Bros. and Swinfen Ltd., have now found suitable premises for their business of importing American and all other Foreign publications. Their offices and showrooms are now at Minerva House, 26–27 Hatton Garden, London, E.C.1; telephone CHAncery 7606 and HOLborn 2780.

The Sciences Committee of the Scientific Film Association is arranging a one-day conference on "The Film in Scientific Research", which is to be held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1948 at the Royal Institution, London. The Chair will be taken by Mr. J. E. Cummins, Chief Scientific Liaison Officer in London of the Australian Government, and the conference will be opened by Sir Robert Watson-Watt, C.B., F.R.S. Material suggested for discussion and any infor-

mation as to the existence or availability of any research films suitable for showing at the conference should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Sciences Committee, Scientific Film Association, 34 Soho Square, London, W.1, as soon as possible. Tickets and further information regarding the conference are obtainable from the above address.

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The Royal Society's Empire Scientific Conference, June–July, 1946 report has now been published in two volumes. This well-produced work gives an account of each of the morning discussions at the conference. A list of papers by delegates is included together with recommendations emerging from the evening discussions. The price, with illustrative charts and diagrams, is £2 2*s*. plus postage, obtainable from the Secretary, The Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W.1.

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The card index of German learned and scientific societies prepared by the Foreign Office to which we referred in our July issue is now in our possession, and may be consulted at the Aslib Information Section.

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None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order,* 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

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Periodicals Wanted

Wanted urgently, back copies to complete file *Manchester Guardian* for 1946: January 1, 31; March 6, 7, 8; April 12; July 17, 20, 26, 27. Write Press Librarian, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 10 St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

Food Industries, Vol. 12, Nos. 1 and 2 (1940); *Journal of Bacteriology*, Vol. 45, No. 1 (1943); *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, Vol. 136, No. 2 (1940), and Vol. 147, No. 2 (1943); *Journal of Dairy Science*, Vol. 26, No. 2 (1943); *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, Vol. 44, No. 8 (1940). Write Box No. 34.

Required: 1 copy Sheet Metal Industries, Nov., 1946, by Austin Motor Co., Technical Information Bureau, Longbridge, Birmingham.

Fuel in Science and Practice. Issue for Nov./Dec. 1947, including complete Index for 1947. Write Librarian, Liverpool Gas Company, Bold Street, Liverpool 1.

Periodicals for Sale

Science Abstracts, Section A. (1919–1926); Section A. (1938–1946); Section B. (1938 and 1939); *Journal of Institution of Electrical Engineers*, (1938–1947); *Journal of American Institution of Electrical Engineers*, (1923–1926; 1940–1945); *Bell Telephone Journal*, (1930–1936; incomplete); *Bell Telephone Quarterly*, (1930–1933; incomplete); *Bell Laboratory Record*, (1930–1935); *Journal of Scientific Instruments*, Vols. 12–25 (incomplete); various books on Electricity, Radio, etc. Write Box 35.

Situations Vacant

Librarian (male or female) required by Food Manufacturers in the Eastern Counties. Qualifications: degree or degree standard in Chemistry and knowledge of German and French. Shorthand and typing an advantage. Write Box 263, Smiths', 100 Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

Large firm of engineering manufacturers in Yorkshire requires woman graduate to inaugurate and take charge of industrial, technical and commercial library. Science degree desirable, but other qualifications considered. Applicants should state age and full particulars of Academic record with details of any relevant experience, also salary required to Box No. 37.

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The following appointment will be available from the 1st October 1948—Librarian, woman, 25–35 years of age, to take charge of a small library and to undertake bibliographic research and scientific editing. The salary will be from £300 to £475 per annum according to age and qualifications, with superannuation allowance. Applicants should send an account of their qualifications and experience, and the name of one referee to the Secretary of the Institution, Manor House Annexe, Watery Lane, Merton Park, London, S.W.20.

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Post wanted by young man (age 23), Cambridge graduate in English Tripos, with opportunity of wide experience in librarianship in an academic or special library. Write Box 36.

Cumulative Book Index

The H. W. Wilson Company's statement that the Cumulative Book Index would in future be limited to the listing of books published in the U.S. and Canada (*Aslib Information No.* 92, July) has roused considerable comment. So many letters have been received by the Company from library and book associations throughout the rest of the world that it has decided to re-submit the limitation question to a second vote in which all subscribers may participate. Copies of the re-submission statement should be reaching subscribers immediately, and in view of the far-reaching effects resulting from any limiting of this index Aslib hopes that its members will accord this matter the urgency that it merits.

Library Literature

The Editor of *Library Literature* would be glad to receive notice of any library or library agency publications for 1946–8 not already indexed for inclusion in the issue planned for Spring 1949. Most useful to other libraries are surveys, reports, library histories, building brochures, and the like. Material should be addressed to Dorothy Ethlyn Cole, Editor, *Library Literature*, H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, N.Y., U.S.A.

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Professor A. F. C. Pollard

It was with a profound shock that we heard of the sudden death on August 15th of Professor Alan Faraday Campbell Pollard, who was so very well known to members of the British Society for International Bibliography and Aslib.

Born in 1877, Professor Pollard was educated at Cheltenham; University College, London; St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and King's College, London. His early practical work on the technical staff of Siemen's and as chief physicist of Nobel's led to his appointment at the close of the 1914–18 war as head of the Instrument Section of the Technical Department, Aircraft Production. A year later, in 1919, he began his long association with the Imperial College, where he was appointed to the chair of Optical Engineering and Instrument Design.

While still a student at Bart.'s Professor Pollard recognized the value of keeping references to sources of new information and started to construct a decimal classification of his own. He dropped this in favour of Dewey, and Dewey in turn for what was then known as the 'Brussels system' in 1908. This system, later renamed the Universal Decimal Classification, he championed, and its wide acceptance in this country is in large measure due to his enthusiastic support.

In 1927 the British Society for International Bibliography was founded with Professor Pollard as its first president, an office which he held for seventeen years. In 1928 he was proposed and elected to the Presidency of the International Federation for Documentation and presided until 1931, being present at the Cologne, London and Hague Conferences during that period. It was at this period, too, that he came into close contact with Dr. S. C. Bradford, who had been appointed Keeper of the Science Museum Library in 1925, and encouraged him in the great task of introducing the U.D.C. for the classification of the library's important collection of scientific and technical documents.

Since his retirement from the Professorship at the Imperial College in 1943 with the title Emeritus Professor, Professor Pollard, though still very actively engaged on scientific work, had spent much time and thought on a scheme for national bibliographical bureaux working through a world-wide network of clearing-house operations. In June this year he was representing the British National Committee on Documentation at the Royal Society's Conference on Scientific Information. His loss will be deeply felt by his many friends and in all circles where the problems of scientific documentation are discussed.

A joint meeting with the Society for Visiting Scientists

Rao Sahib Dr. R. S. Ranganathan, M.A., D.Litt., L.T., F.L.A., President of the Indian Library Association, has been visiting Europe and the U.S.A. this summer and has crowded much travel and more discussion into little time. To describe his journeys in detail would take too much space; it must suffice to say that he was at the Conference of the International Federation for Documentation at the Hague in June, that he went on to Denmark, England, the U.S.A., reached Scotland in August, the Unesco International Library School in Manchester in September, from where he goes to the Aslib Conference at Ashorne Hill, and back to London for the end of the month. It must therefore be counted as something of an achievement that Aslib has been able to catch him during his flying progress and has persuaded him to give a talk on the subject of 'A self-perpetuating classification. The need and possibility', to a joint meeting of the Society for Visiting Scientists and Aslib. The meeting will be held at 5 Old Burlington Street on Wednesday, September the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. Since even the indefatigable Dr. Ranganathan could not fit attendance at the Royal Society's Scientific Information Conference into his crowded programme, it is hoped that the September meeting will give him a chance to talk to scientists and to non-scientists interested in the theory of classification. Dr. Ranganathan's views should be of particular interest to all those who realize that one of the outstanding needs of present-day science is for a classification that will keep pace with developing knowledge.

Dr. Ranganathan is widely known for his writings on the Colon Classification. When, in March 1948, he received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from Lord Mountbatten, Chancellor of Delhi University, he was rightly described as 'the father of library science in India'. He began his career as a teacher, but in 1924 he became librarian of Madras University and was sent by his university to London to work at the School of Librarianship, where for a time he was a pupil of Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers. He was elected to Fellowship of the Library Association in 1930. He was the founder of the Madras Library Association, and its first secretary. For about two years he was librarian of the Benares Hindu University; he is now professor and head of the Department of Library Science of Delhi University and is actively engaged in the elaboration of plans for the proposed Indian National Central Library.

For Dr. Ranganathan librarianship is a term of the widest meaning. Those who met him at the Hague and worked with him on committees and sub-committees have the liveliest appreciation of his width of experience

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and keen intelligence, while reports of his contacts with American librarians at the Library of Congress tell the same tale. He is the author of many books, including the *Five Laws of Library Science* in 1931, *Colon Classification* in 1933 (2nd edition 1939), *Reference Service and Bibliography* in 1940–41, *School and College Libraries* in 1942, *Library Classification Fundamentals and Procedure* in 1944, and the *Dictionary Catalogue Code* in 1945. An outline of the Colon Classification is given in the *Manual of Classification*, by W. C. Berwick Sayers, and a further description of it was recently given by Dr. Ranganathan and printed in the *Review of Documentation* (Vol. 14, fasc. 4, 1947) under the title 'Classification and international documentation'.

A report of the Society for Visiting Scientists' meeting on September the 29th, and Dr. Ranganathan's paper will be published in a later issue of *Aslib Information*.

Special Libraries VII: Raymond Mander and Joe Mitchenson Theatre Collection

This private library contains over 5,000 volumes relating to the theatre in all its aspects, including a unique collection of old plays and original prompt-copies, some as yet unpublished and in manuscript form. The collection is mainly devoted, however, to prints, pictures, photographs, programmes, playbills, sheet music fronts and other material relevant to the history of the theatre.

A special section comprises some 2,000 gramophone records of opera, musical comedy, variety, ballet, etc., including some very early recordings. Another notable feature is a museum of theatrical china.

Although this is a private collection, the specialist in theatrical research is made welcome, but a fee is charged for any material lent for reproduction and for any extensive research which may be undertaken. Further particulars may be obtained from The Raymond Mander and Joe Mitchenson Theatre Collection 5 Venner Road, Sydenham, London, S.E.26; (telephone: Sydenham 6730).

Professor Gustavo Colonnetti

At the beginning of this month Aslib received a surprise visit from Professor Gustavo Colonnetti, President of the Italian National Research Council, and effectively the head of the whole structure of scientific research in Italy. He is visiting this country as a guest of the British Council for the purpose of studying the organization of scientific research, especially the financial and physical methods by which the Government assists and sponsors research. He will attend the Congress of Applied Mechanics in London. As Professor Colonnetti speaks French but no English his daughter is accompanying him as interpreter.

German Periodicals

We have received a list of German periodicals which have resumed publication. This has been revised up to June 30th, 1948, and gives the periodical title in German and English and, where available, details of publisher, price and contents. This list, which covers the whole of Germany, is available for consultation in the Information section.

Bibliography of Apiculture

The Research Committee of the British Bee-keepers' Association is considering a proposal to compile a complete, up-to-date bibliography of apiculture. The only complete bibliography so far as is known is that of Major Morley, which ends at 1933. The Committee is also considering the publication, in association with other bodies, of a quarterly abstracting journal for apiculture. Both of these will require the help of people with bibliographical training, and any member of Aslib who is interested in bees and would be willing to help is asked to write to the Hon. Sec., Dr. Eva Crane, 55 Newlands Park, Hull.

REVIEW

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We welcome the appearance of Dr. Bradford's long-awaited book. Though one may question whether this is, as the author claims, a text book on documentation, it is undoubtedly valuable as a collection of Bradfordiana, previously scattered through many publications. The foreword supplies a succinct and useful description of the processes covered by that much debated term "documentation". Chapters on the inadequacies of alphabetical subject indexing and the incomplete coverage by abstracting periodicals lead to descriptions of the Universal Decimal Classification and its value in international documentation. The chapter on "fifty years of documentation" gives a helpful outline of the development of the International Federation for Documentation and its national committees. On all these matters Dr. Bradford writes as one of the foremost British champions of the U.D.C. and with the authority of one who for many years was in charge of the Science Museum Library.

**A more detailed review will be printed in due course in the "Journal of Documentation."*

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The South African Public Library announces the publication of the second of the Grey Bibliographies, *A Bibliography of African Bibliographies*. This is a revision of the work of P. Freer and D. H. Varley published in *South African Libraries* for October 1942 and January 1943. The original arrangement has been very largely preserved, but a substantial number of entries have been added and many additional subjects covered. See *Library Accessions*.

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The Post Office will now accept parcels up to 22lb. subject to export licence regulation, for the British and American zones of Germany, excluding Berlin. Postage rates are: 2lb. 2*s*. 6*d*.; 7lb. 3*s*. 9*d*.; 11lb. 4*s*. 9*d*.; 22lb. 8*s*. 6*d*.

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A microfilm edition of all issues of the *Congressional Record* since 1873 will shortly be available through the American Council on Public Affairs. Information can be obtained from the Council, 2153, Florida Avenue, Washington, D.C. Also from this council comes an international biographical encyclopædia by Dr. Victor Selden Clark, *Who's Who in Economics*, containing 5,000 biographies covering the economic field over the last 1,500 years. A microfilm version is available.

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On the appointment of Professor John E. Burchard as Dean of Humanities, Dr. Vernon D. Tate becomes Director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Libraries, in which capacity he will have charge of its expanding library programme throughout the institution.

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A course of classes in "Library organization, routine and administration (special libraries)" will be given at the North-western Polytechnic, Prince of Wales Road, London, N.W.5, in preparation for the Final Examination of the Library Association. The classes will be held at 7.30 p.m. each Wednesday, starting September 22nd. Correspondence should be addressed to the Head of the Department of Commerce, North-western Polytechnic.

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The Library of Congress has just returned to Germany 412 cases of books and other library materials from the Deutsche Arbeitsfront Collection. This valuable collection will be distributed by the Military Government authorities to the newly established German labour unions. The collection is regarded by Library of Congress experts as an excellent nucleus for a special library on labour and management as a whole, covering all phases of industry.

Changes of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

Richard Crittall, Research & Development Ltd., Technical Library, to 364 High Street, Kensington, W.14.

Tube Investments Ltd., Department of Development & Research, now Plume Street, Ashton, Birmingham, 6: Mr. L. T. Oldaker succeeds Mr. W. B. Jones.

Institution of Civil Engineers: Mr. J. S. Wilson succeeds Mr. W. J. E. Binnie.

The British Hat & Allied Feltmakers' Association: Mr. Vernon D. Freedland succeeds Mr. T. Barr.

Distillers Co. Ltd., Research Dept.: Mr. C. B. Maddocks succeeds Mr. Eric Brittain.

Member's Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order,* 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

The charge for advertisements is 3*s*. *for* 25 *words,* 2*d*. *for each additional word. Box number* 6*d*.

Microfilm Projector

Recordak-type microfilm projector for viewing 33 mm. and 16 mm. microfilm records. New condition. Very little used. Complete with lamp and transformer for 200/300 volts A.C. £40. Dawe Instruments Ltd., 130 Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, London, W.7.

Situations Vacant

An information officer is required to take charge of the Library of laboratories at Cambridge. Applicants should have a science degree, preferably including biochemistry. Duties include abstracting of scientific journals. Typing and knowledge of statistics would be advantageous. Box 38.

The British Institute of Management requires a Senior Library Assistant. Knowledge of subject matter of accountancy and/or works management essential and experience in abstracting desirable. Salary according to qualifications. Write: The Director, 17 Hill Street, W.1.

The Society of Dyers and Colourists intends to appoint an Assistant to the Editor, whose chief duties will be to help the Editor and General Secretary in preparing for press the Society's monthly *Journal* and in building up a library devoted to the tinctorial industries. Knowledge of Chemistry up to at least Intermediate Science standard is essential, and secretarial experience (shorthand-typing) is desirable. Knowledge of or interest in librarianship and languages would be helpful. The post is open to either sex, and there is no limitation in respect of age; a young person who wishes to study part-time for a science degree would be considered. Salary according to age, qualifications and experience, full particulars of which should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Society of Dyers and Colourists, 32–34 Piccadilly, Bradford, Yorks., in an envelope marked "Assistant".

Situations Wanted

Australian Librarian, M.A. Oxford, B.S. Library Service (Columbia University) wants position six months beginning October, preferably non-technical library. Joan McDonald, Australia House, Strand.

Printed by W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., London and Bedford.

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52 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

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CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

SECOND THOUGHTS

At the Annual Conference this year sixty-eight delegates voted for, and sixty-five voted against, a resolution declaring that there is a need for a post-graduate qualification in information work. The following editorial does not necessarily represent the views of either the Aslib Council or the Education Committee. The vote at the conference, however, represented the opinion of less than one-fifth of the members. All members received a copy of Paper S.I.48 on The Training of the Information Officer, on which the discussion before the vote was based, and we hope that as many members as possible will let us know their views in time for the Council Meeting on the 17th November, when the whole position concerning training will be reviewed.

Some of the advantages of having a fully residential conference in ideal surroundings in the midst of Shakespeare's England may have been thrown away this year by having the most controversial and provocative subject discussed at the opening session on the Saturday morning. The weather, the speakers, the food, the company and the magic and dancing all blended to create an atmosphere most favourable to 'contacts'; probably the most valuable element at any professional conference. Contacts at a conference encourage a dialectic process, merging different points of view into new thought and truer appreciations of common problems. But we held the session on the training of the information officer right at the beginning of the week-end, and we took a vote before discussion was either adequate or fruitful.

To say this is neither special pleading, nor an attempt to wriggle out of the result of the vote. In fact, it is highly possible that had the session been held much later on in the programme the vote would have been substantially the same. But the significance of the voting would, in all probability have appeared very different. On the Saturday morning the closeness of the vote seemed to be considered as an embargo on any further discussion on the other questions on training in paper S.I.48. Nobody pointed out that Aslib is the Association of both special librarians and information officers; very few seemed to realize that the two elements were present in almost equal proportions, and probably voted accordingly; and nobody explained that the revisions in favour of special librarians in the new proposed Library Association syllabus were the result in large measure of the recommendations made earlier this year to the Council of the L.A. by the Education Committee and Council of Aslib. How many of those present at Ashorne Hill fully realized that the subject under discussion was the training of the information officer, and of the information officer only; and that there was no intention of confusing the functions and training of the special librarian with those of the information officer?

The Aslib Education Committee, and the Director, who was their representative on the Library Association Committee which drafted the revised L.A. syllabus, have reason to feel highly gratified with the first reactions of the special librarians to the revisions when they were shown them. Most of the Aslib recommendations appear to have been incorporated, and we hope that special librarians will find that they have little or no reason to grumble if and when the new syllabus is officially introduced by the L.A. Council.

But is the information officer still to remain nobody's baby? Over half the meeting at the conference felt that there was a need for a post-graduate qualification in information work. This is, on mature consideration, a surprisingly large proportion. If the conference can be considered a fair sample of the whole of the Aslib membership, as it appeared to be, then the Aslib Council must give most serious thought to this expressed opinion of such a large part of the membership of the Association. Moreover, this vote was on the question of post-graduate qualifications for information officers. Had the meeting not been so struck of a heap by the vote on the first question, the second question, on non-graduate qualification, would have been put to the meeting. We have reason to think that many excellent information officers who, like Topsy, have 'just growed' would not see the necessity for post-graduate qualifications, while admitting the desirability of training and certification on a non-graduate level for younger recruits to information work. We are inclined to think that the vote on this second question might have been at least equally in support of some such provision for younger information officers.

Finally, it must again be stressed that this editorial is an independent expression of opinion, uninspired by either the Council or the Education Committee. They must give very serious thought to the whole question of the training of information officers. They may consider that the answer lies in more comprehensive training courses, with or without examinations or diplomas; they may prefer to take a ballot over the whole membership; or they may consider the vote at the conference strong enough to justify the introduction of a syllabus and examinations as soon as possible, or weak enough to cause the shelving of the whole issue. Obviously we do not know, nor do we seek to influence, their final decision. But we do think that discussion was inadequate at the conference, and our main object in printing this argument at such length is to provoke as wide and as thoughtful a response from our members as possible, especially from the information officers. Please let us know not only your personal opinions but your needs.

Self-Perpetuating Classification

The meeting announced in last month's *Bulletin* duly took place under the auspices of the Society for Visiting Scientists on the 29th September, when Dr. R. S. Ranganathan addressed a full house. The Chair was taken by Sir Herbert Howard of the Commonwealth Bureaux.

Dr. Ranganathan explained the principles of the Colon classification most lucidly, and fascinated his audience by his grasp of the fundamental purposes of classification, and of all library science. It is impossible here to attempt any detailed account of his argument, but a few of his salient points may be of interest. Those members interested in learning more of the Colon system are reminded that Mr. A. J. Wells will be speaking on the subject at the Aslib Meeting on the 17th November, at 5 p.m. at the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Dr. Ranganathan emphasized that Colon was not a proprietary classification, but merely the best system he and his colleagues in India had so far been able to devise which would satisfy certain fundamental requirements. One of the most important of these was that a classification should be self-perpetuating. By this he meant that widely scattered workers called upon to classify new ideas independently should have at their disposal a classification which would allow them to arrive at the same result, without correspondence and without reference to any central authority. The classification should contain within itself the capacity for development along lines upon which all classifiers would be in agreement. In India the Colon classification had proved so self-consistent that, over a period of twenty years, three independent classifiers had given the same number to new subjects in 90 per cent of the cases. The remaining 10 per cent could be dealt with by correspondence or by conferences, which was a far easier task than the checking of all numbers, required by some other classifications.

That self-perpetuation had already been achieved to within 10 per cent of complete success did not lessen the need for research into classification and library methods in Dr. Ranganathan's opinion. He made a strong appeal to the Royal Society to set up fellowships for library research workers, so that their time might be freed from administrative duties. Librarianship had now itself become a science and must have its own opportunities for research.

Northern Branch

A conference, on the general theme of the value of organized information service to industry, commerce and education, will be held in the Lecture Theatre of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Tuesday, 7th December, 1948. The Chair will be taken by R. Trevor Jenkins, Esq., B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., Technical Manager, Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd., Elswick and Scotswood Works, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at 10 a.m.

Papers will be presented by Miss E. M. R. Ditmas, M.A. (Director of ASLIB); Dr. V. E. Parke, D.Sc., M.A.; Messrs. E. Austin Hinton, M.A., F.L.A.; F. Rutherford, B.A., F.L.A.; T. S. Nicol; R. O. MacKenna, M.A., A.L.A.; and Miss J. Scurfield, A.L.A.

To facilitate arrangements for lunch and tea, those intending to be present are requested to inform the local organizing secretary, Mr. M. G. Cahill-Byrne, Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd., Elswick Works, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4, **not later than November 15th.** Tickets are 5*s*. each.

Foreign Periodicals

We have received from the British National Book Council, Malet Place, W.C.1, a list of foreign periodicals which are being offered to British libraries. Copies of this list may be borrowed from the Aslib library. Members wishing to dispose of duplicates are invited to inform the British National Book Centre who will incorporate them in lists which they hope to circulate periodically. It is expected that postage or carriage costs will in all cases be met by the recipient.

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The manager of the Scientific Research Dept. of British Railways kindly offers the following publications to anybody who might have need of them:

Journal of the Institute of Metals: 1932—Vols. 48, 49 and 50. 1933—Vols. 51, 52 and 53. 1934—Vols. 54 and 55. 1935—Vols. 56 and 57.

Metallurgical Abstracts. Series II, Vol. 1, 1934.

Proc. Inst. Mechanical Engrs. 1926—Nos. 1–5 inc. 1927—Nos. 1–4 inc. 1928—Nos. 1–4 inc. 1929—Nos. 1–5 inc. 1930—Nos. 1–5 inc. 1931—Vol. 120, pp. 409–781. Vol. 121, pp. 1–309. Vol. 121, pp. 310–660. 1932—Vol. 122, pp. 1–377; pp. 379–764. Vol. 123, pp. 1–324; pp. 325–869. 1933—Vol. 124, pp. 1–332; pp. 333–812. Vol. 125, pp. 1–314; pp. 315–817. 1934—Vols. 126, 127, 128. 1935—Vols. 129, 131. 1936—Vols. 132, 133, 134.

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The Microfilm Service, 2153 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., can now supply the following:

Collected Works of James Clerk Maxwell (now out of print), 1,200 pages, 35mm., $8.75 per copy.

Technical Reports of the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (findings of American aeronautic researchers), 28 vols. of 600 pages each, 35mm., $7.00 per vol., 10 per cent discount on 10 or more vols.

Zeitschrift für Physicalische Chemie, 1925 to date, 65,000 pages in 133 vols., 35mm., $665.00. Single vols. at $10.00, 2 or more consecutive vols. at $5.00.

Most subscribers will already have had the H. W. Wilson Company's announcement of the reversal of the decision to limit the C.B.I. to books published in the U.S.A. and Canada. It would be interesting to discover whether the very considerable change in the Canadian and U.S. voting was due to apathy on the first showing or a very laudable reaction to the pleas of overseas subscribers.

With reference to the entry regarding the Illinois Smokeless Furnace in the September Booklist we are informed that BOOKS & CAREERS of 84 Victoria Street, S.W.1, have been appointed agents for the free distribution of such of the publications of the University of Illinois Engineering Experiment Station as are issued gratis.

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Periodicals Wanted

Journal of Agricultural Science Vol. 33 pt. 4, vols. 34, 35, 36. Write Librarian, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts.

Copies of the following books, which are now out of print, are required by Research Manager, British Titan Products Co., Ltd., Billingham, Co. Durham. Crystal Physics, Wooster; Chemische Kristallographie, Groth.

Situations Vacant

A vacancy exists in the Library of the Research Department of the Distillers Company Limited, Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey, for a Junior Abstractor. Applicants must possess an Honours Degree in Chemistry and knowledge of at least one of the following subjects: Mycology, Bacteriology, Physics. Previous experience will be an advantage. Applications should be submitted to the Controller of Research and Developments, The Distillers Company Ltd., Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey.

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Translations

AMONG the recommendations of the recent Conference on Scientific Information Services held at the Royal Society was one "that Aslib should be invited to give increased publicity to its register of specialist translators with a view to registration of all available competent translators, and ensuring that all those who require translations are aware of this service. The register should be extended to cover interpreters, especially those qualified to interpret scientific matters by the simultaneous method."

In the face of such gratifying encouragement Aslib officers hesitate to excuse the lack of any considerable immediate publicity on the score of finance, but the income derived from translators' fees is completely absorbed by postage and stationery expenditure, and no margin is left for advertising. A start can be made, however, by a reminder in this bulletin of the scope of the service.

About one hundred translators are registered who not only possess expert linguistic qualifications, but are also acquainted with one or more branches of specialized knowledge. An intimate knowledge of the language only is not sufficient qualification for inclusion in the register, except in special circumstances where an applicant is fully qualified in a rare language such as Chinese or Malay. Translators' qualifications are scrutinized by specialists.

Implementation of the Conference's recommendation would be greatly assisted if Aslib members would spread knowledge of the register. On the contacts built up through introductions, Aslib should be able to work for the ideal which first inspired the creation of the register—the encouragement of a high level in the quality of technical translations. Ultimately, it might be possible to foster the formation of groups interested in the translation of special reviews and articles which would share the services of certain translators.

On the translator's side of the picture there would also seem to be a need for closer collaboration, not only to repair the defects of the available dictionaries and glossaries, but also to ensure a common agreement on new terms. Meetings of translators concerned with one or more 'growing points' of knowledge might be highly beneficial. Such meetings are, perhaps, more within the province of the Institute of Linguists, but Aslib would be happy to assist, especially in presenting the translation user's point of view. In fact, if members and translators consider all or any of the points raised in this article justify it, we would be very ready to explore the possibility of convening a one or two day conference during the first six months of 1949.

German Periodicals

FOLLOWING our notice in *Aslib Information* last September of the receipt of a list of German periodicals which have resumed publication up to June 30th, 1948, we have been asked by several overseas members for microfilm copies of the list. We now have permission to get these made and members who would like microfilm copies are asked to send in their orders as soon as possible. The charge will be 6*s*. 3*d*. It should be borne in mind, however, that due to present publication difficulties in Germany the circulation of these periodicals must necessarily be limited.

Backstage Bicker

WE feel that some explanation is needed for the non-appearance of the long-promised *Aslib Guides to Sources of Information in Great Britain No. 2 : Agriculture and Allied Interests*. Work was commenced on this Guide last January, simultaneously with Guide No. 3 : *Food and Beverages*, as it was felt that the two Guides had much in common. The Agricultural Guide is now practically ready and should makes its appearance sometime in the very near future. Members may be interested, however, to learn of some of the difficulties experienced by Aslib's Information Section in the compilation of these Guides, which are mainly responsible for the delay in publication. In the first place much valuable time could be saved if a few recalcitrant librarians and information officers would return their questionnaires within a reasonable time. Wondrous indeed, are some of the excuses finally offered for the delay, ranging from 'Your letter dated . . . has just reached me having been dropped, it seems, behind some crates of books' to 'Your questionnaire never reached me; I can only suggest that it may have inadvertently found its way to our salvage sack during a recent clearance.' Some of the principal offenders are Government Departments, which is, no doubt, due to the fact that possible entries have to be submitted to a higher authority before sanction for publication is given. Another difficulty is the illegibility of some handwritings —if only the answers to the questionnaires could either be typed or block letters used, many telephone calls would be saved. If only, too, all the information asked for could be given. When details of the library are required—'Library on agricultural subjects' is not sufficient. Quite often, although it is specifically asked for, the date of commencement of a periodical is not given, which consequently adds to the burden of research in the Information Section.

When the Guides are near completion they are usually submitted to an expert for "vetting" and all Information Officers will appreciate how disturbing it is to be informed of a failure to include a research

association section because the association has omitted to indicate all its sections on a questionnaire. This places the Information Officer in an awkward position; either he goes on writing and waiting, or else the Guide goes to press without that entry and is incomplete. All these delays lead to much of the information supplied months earlier becoming rapidly out of date and requiring re-checking. Possibly it is our questionnaire which is at fault. Any suggestions which can prevent what can become an increasingly vicious circle would be welcome to the Information Officer.

(*The above was handed to us by a harassed Information Officer with the request that it be toned down to a plea for questionnaires to be completed and returned at members' earliest convenience. We felt, however, that the Information Officer's aggressive approach—unjust but human—might be appreciated by his opposite numbers.*—ED.).

PATRA

PATRA House, the new Research Centre of the Printing, Packaging and Allied Trades Research Association at Randall Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, was officially opened by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on October 28th. The building itself is architecturally attractive and, much more important, it has been specifically designed for its purpose, which is to provide scientific laboratories and practical workshops under one roof so that the work of PATRA can go ahead unhampered by lack of space.

PATRA's library needs very little introduction to Aslib members. It contains a card index of over 100,000 items of information collated by the Association as well as current issues and past volumes of technical journals and standard and special technical books relating to the trades covered by the Association's work and to science in general. The Library also receives regularly the carded abstracts of the Instituut voor Graphische Techniek, Amsterdam, which are classified by the U.D.C. The library staff is responsible for the compilation of *Printing Abstracts* and *Packaging Abstracts*, each published monthly. The library's new premises are very spacious and allow plenty of room for expansion. Most of the equipment is new, including an enquiry desk designed according to the Librarian's own specifications. Fluorescent lighting has been installed as an experiment.

On the occasion of the opening an exhibition was held from October 28th to November 5th, which was designed to illustrate PATRA's activities. Of special interest to librarians were the items demonstrating lithography, the drying of inks, paper testing in the Constant-Humidity Room, and the whole field of infection and damage to books and paper by insects and moulds. In the Technological Laboratory there was a special demonstration of the new Rotofoto machines, invented by Mr. George Westover and made by The Coventry Tool and Gauge Co., Ltd. This equipment produces negatives, or positives, of type matter for printing down to lithographic plates or gravure plates and cylinders and eliminates the necessity for production of cast metal type. Obviously much thought and planning had gone into the exhibition and the organizers are to be congratulated on the result, which aroused considerable interest. Details of PATRA's Research Programme will be found in the *Patra Journal*, 10, No. 4, September, 1947.

Royal Society of Arts. 195th session

AMONG the Ordinary Meetings of the Royal Society's 195th session are three which will be of particular interest to Aslib members. The first, on the 17th of November, is "The Great Libraries of the World and their Function," by a Past-President of the Library Association—Arundell Esdaile, M.A., Hon. Litt.D., with Sir Frederick G. Kenyon, G.B.E., K.C.B., Litt.D., D.Litt., Ph.D., LL.D., in the chair. Sir John Forsdyke, K.C.B., M.A., Director and Principal Librarian of the British Museum, will be speaking on "The Functions of a National Museum" on the 9th of March next year, and on the 30th of the same month Edgar Kaufmann, head of the Department of Industrial Design of the New York Museum of Modern Art, will give a paper on "Museums and Industrial Design." The date for "Scientific Information Services," by Sir Alfred C. Egerton, M.A., F.R.S., Professor of Chemical Technology, Imperial College of Science, and Secretary of the Royal Society, has not yet been arranged. All the meetings start at 2.30 p.m., and tickets for non-members of the Society may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.2.

NOTES

Unexpected neighbours

Much has been said of the "law of scattering" of scientific articles in periodical publications, which compels the careful specialist to keep an eye on many journals not specifically devoted to his subject. A good instance of this occurs in the current issue of *Science Progress* (October 1948), in which an important article on "Nutrition and liver disease", by Professor H. P. Himsworth, is to be found in close proximity to Joshua C. Gregory's "Indeterminism and the wish", which will be of interest to many who study Philosophy. The same issue contains articles on the Electronic structure of solids, and Theoretical aspects of clay consolidation. Since the sub-title of the journal marks it as "A quarterly review of scientific thought, work and affairs" there can be no criticism of the wide interests covered; this note merely stresses that the journal should be watched by abstractors in many fields.

Natural History Societies

Local natural history societies, including school societies, play an important part in Great Britain. Besides encouraging an interest in wild life, which often develops into serious scientific study, they form the basis of local organization for co-operative surveys such as the annual heronry census, or the rook and wood-pigeon investigations carried out under the direction of such bodies as the British Trust for Ornithology. We welcome, therefore, the appearance of the first edition (1948) of the *Directory of Natural History Societies*, compiled by H. K. Airy Shaw for the Amateur Entomologists' Society, 1 West Ham Lane, London, E.15, price 7*s*. 6*d*. As in all works of this type, the first edition is bound to have some omissions, but the editor appeals for any information that will help to improve subsequent editions. The present work, a booklet of 155 pages, lists the societies under the counties and towns, etc., and gives particulars of the address, membership and subscriptions, meetings, details

of libraries, reference collections, and publications issued. It should be particularly useful to any naturalist wishing to make contact with fellow workers when away from his own countryside.

Films

The Scientific Film Association has produced a preliminary reference list of articles dealing with the film in mass education and colonial development. The list is not exhaustive and not completely checked; corrections and additions should be sent to the compiler, H. G. A. Hughes, S.F.A., 34 Soho Square, W.1.

FIAT Reviews

Copies of the following FIAT reviews of German science 1939–46 may now be borrowed from the Aslib library: GEOPHYSICS AND GEODESY (Part I), NON-FERROUS METALLURGY (Part II), APPLIED MATHEMATICS (Part III), INTERNAL MEDICINE (Part II), OBSTETRICS AND GYNÆCOLOGY (Part I), GEOPHYSICS (Part II), INORGANIC CHEMISTRY (Part I), PURE MATHEMATICS (Part I), GENERAL PATHOLOGY (Part I), SPECIAL PATHOLOGY (Parts I and II), GEOLOGY AND PALÆONTOLOGY.

The Hawthorne Investigations

We hope a clumsy title will not prevent many would-be readers from discovering a useful little book—*The making of Scientific Management*, Vol. III: *The Hawthorne Investigations*, by Col. L. Urwick, Management Journals Ltd., London, 1948. There must be many people who will welcome a concise account of the Hawthorne Investigations, the famous pioneer enquiry into the importance of the human factor in industrial management carried out in the factories of the Western Electric Company, Hawthorne, Chicago. At least seven books have been published previously on the investigations, from all of which the authors quote freely. None of them is readily available to-day, so that this critique and outline of the matter they contain will be most helpful to all those who are unable, through lack of time or of the books themselves, to study the writings of T. N. Whitehead, F. J. Roethlisberger, or Elton Mayo.

There is no indication in the book itself of the identity of the first two volumes of the series of which *The Hawthorne Investigations* forms volume 3. The work stands firmly on its own feet, however: a text-book for the student of management and a fascinating narrative for anyone interested in the proper study of mankind.

STATISTICAL YEAR-BOOK OF THE WORLD POWER CONFERENCE. NUMBER 4. DATA ON RESOURCES AND ANNUAL STATISTICS FOR 1936–1946. Edited, with introductory and explanatory texts, by Frederick Brown. *The Central Office, World Power Conference*, 1948. pp. 212, 23 tables. 45*s*. (Postage: Inland 9*d*., foreign 8*d*.).

We welcome the appearance of this important survey of international statistics of power resources and of their development and utilisation in the eleven years 1936–1946. The contents cover solid, liquid and gaseous fuels, water power and electricity. Copies can be ordered through any newsagent or bookseller or direct from the Central Office of the World Power Conference, 201–2, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

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Changes of Names, Address and Aslib Representative

Printing, Packaging and Allied Trades Research Association: now at Patra House, Randall Road, Leatherhead, Surrey; Leatherhead 4041.

Institute of Chartered Accountants: Mr. Reginald Horrox succeeds Mr. Cosmo Gordon.

The Royal Society: Mr. I. Kaye succeeds Mr. H. W. Robinson.

Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Middlesbrough: Miss M. Ablett succeeds Mr. J. C. Faraday.

John Innes Horticultural Institution: Miss I. M. Behr succeeds Miss D. M. S. Holmes.

Merton and Morden Central Library: Miss E. M. Jowett succeeds Mr. E. J. Hobbs.

Sudan Govt. Dept. of Agriculture and Forests, Research Div. Library: Mr. L. Rahmatalla succeeds Mrs. B. Crowther.

Foreign Office Library: Mrs. Shelley succeeds Miss Bigby.

Agricultural Economics Research Institute: Miss E. S. Smyth succeeds Miss Bertie.

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The Northern Polytechnic, Holloway: Mr. E. R. Yescombe is now Aslib representative.

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Periodicals Required

Urgently required to complete volume —1 copy of Philips Technical Review, October 1946. E.M.I. Technical Library, Hayes, Middlesex.

Wanted: Complete issue of *The Lancet* for 1921 and 1922. Must be in good condition. Single copies not suitable. Box. No. 41.

Wanted urgently, back copies to complete sets: *Petroleum Processing*—October, November 1947; *National Petroleum News—Monthly Technical Section*—September, October, November, December, 1946; *Automobile Engineer*—Index to 1946 edition; *Petroleum Refiner*—December, 1946; *Journal of Research of the National Bureau of Standards*—February, May 1936, March 1937. Write Shell Petroleum Company, S.T.A. Dept., The Library, Norman House, 105–109 The Strand, W.C.2.

Situations Vacant

Ministry of Supply invites applications for two unestablished posts in London for indexing and abstracting literature and official reports and supplying research workers with information. Candidates must have at least Higher School Certificate with mathematics or a science subject as principal subject, but a University degree would be an advantage. A knowledge of languages is desirable. Selected candidates will be graded as Experimental Officer or Assistant Experimental Officer according to age, qualifications and experience. Inclusive salary ranges are: Experimental Officer £525–£675; Assistant Experimental Officer £230–£490. Rates for women are somewhat lower. Write quoting A.381/48/A to Ministry of Labour and National Service, Technical and Scientific Register (K), for application form, which must be returned completed by 30th December, 1948.

Sutcliffe, Speakman & Co., Ltd., Engineers and Carbon Manufacturers, Guest Street, Leigh, Lancs. invite applications for particulars of a vacancy on their permanent staff for a librarian (male or female; good general education; National Certificate—or higher—in Chemistry; able to type) for small technical library and information service, etc.

Abstractor required by an Industrial Firm in North Cheshire, to deal with technical literature on plastics, rubber, textiles, engineering, etc.; Inter-B.Sc. standard essential; some practical experience in one of these fields or previous work involving technical abstracting is desirable. Knowledge of French and/or German an advantage. Age between 22 and 30. Starting salary from £340 p.a. to £500 p.a. according to age, experience and qualifications. Apply Box No. 40.

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The Bulletin of Aslib, which incorporates the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux and the British Society for International Bibliography
52 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

No. 97 December, 1948

Dr. S. C. BRADFORD

By the sudden death of Dr. S. C. Bradford on 13 November 1948, the new Aslib loses a personality of outstanding importance to both its constituent parts. Though primarily a chemist, Dr. Bradford was appointed to the staff of the Science Museum Library in 1898 and represented that library at the first conference of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux in 1924. He was elected to the Aslib Council in 1932 and retained this position till 1943; he was re-elected in 1946 and was still an honoured member of the Council at the time of his death. Dr. Bradford was appointed Keeper of the Science Museum Library in 1925, and there formed that fruitful association with the late Professor A. F. C. Pollard, one of the early results of which was the formation of the British Society for International Bibliography which did such pioneer work in encouraging the use of the Universal Decimal Classification in Great Britain. In 1945 he succeeded Professor Pollard as President of the B.S.I.B. and still held that post at the time of the amalgamation of the B.S.I.B. with the A.S.L.I.B. to form the new Aslib.

There is no space in this *Bulletin* to do more than touch on his contributions to the literature of librarianship, his participation in the conferences of Aslib, and those of the International Federation for Documentation, and his championship of the U.D.C. It is hoped to print a bibliography elsewhere, but members may like to be reminded that his recently published book *Documentation* (briefly noticed in *Aslib Information* for September 1948), gathers up many of the most important papers.

E. M. R. Ditmas.

The sudden death of Dr. Bradford, following so closely on that of Professor Pollard, will come as a shock to many in all parts of the world. His work on documentation covered so long a period with unflagging energy that one felt him to be a permanent prime mover. The large and solid achievements of his life work, and the impetus he gave to documentation, at first almost single handed, will doubtless be listed in more formal notices.

To the members of the British Society for International Bibliography and to his old colleagues the news of his death will be far more personal. It is no disparagement of the speakers and members to say that Dr. Bradford was the mainspring of the Society. I do not know how many meetings there were at which he did not preside—it is unlikely that they reached double figures. At all, his presence lead to the meeting becoming a lively discussion group, even the most apparently unpromising subject bringing out lively points.

Clean and vigorous in controversy, his opinions backed by long thought and experience, he may have seemed slightly formidable at first sight to new members. Personal contact—and all members had personal contact—soon dispelled this idea. Uppermost in the writer's mind is not the memory of Dr. Bradford's abilities, but of his unfailing kindness and unsparing help when one was in difficulties. It is easy to understand the loyalty and affection of his staff at the Science Museum Library, and to see why his achievements have surpassed what mere ability could have done.

R. A. Fairthorne.

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MAY I take the opportunity extended to me by the editor of this Information sheet to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year—a wish in which, I am sure, the Council, the Director and the Aslib Staff will join most gladly. May your work be more and more effective: may the answer to no inquiry elude you, and may you find your Aslib membership increasingly helpful.

We realize, quite frankly, that we could be far more efficient and far more useful to far more people than we are at present if only we, too, may be granted a prosperous New Year. We know well that we have your goodwill, and that you have faith in the great idea of Aslib. We appreciate, too, that the main foundation of Aslib has always been the co-operation of members. Our Director tells me that happily there is some immediate prospect of improvement in our resources, though the measure of it will depend mainly on the support received directly from members. The Industrial Grants Committee has reviewed the terms of the grant at present provided to us by the Government through the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and there seems to be little doubt that we will get greatly increased support, provided that members too increase and rally round in like measure.

I feel, in any case, that Aslib is too modest. In view of the restricted funds at its disposal it is very greatly to the Association's credit that such a vast amount of work has been done. Help can certainly be given in the production drive if we can get greater appreciation of the great value of a properly organized information department, and how, especially if its contacts are broadened through membership of Aslib, such a department is of service throughout an organization.

So much for the purposes of Aslib, and of information work, except that they are purposes which should give every worker in our profession a clear and easy conscience—a great prerequisite for a happy Christmas anyway.

Aslib deserves more support, and Aslib members deserve a very Happy Christmas and New Year—good luck to you all.

R. W. Stradling

President.

We don't crack all *the nuts . . .*

He was a nice old gentleman, unobtrusive and quiet.

He wasn't even announced—we looked up and there he was.

Were we the Information Office?

We were.

There was some Information he wanted. Could we give him a list of Friendly Societies?

Er . . . member?—a hint of disapproval darkened the serenity of his aged eyes.

'I shall not trouble you for a complete list,' he chided, 'Just the *very* Friendly ones'.

Alas! We failed. And not for the first time—it has happened before. Although Failure is not a member his feet have been guided to Bloomsbury Street by Curiosity. He got us once with a body-line demand for information on the control of body temperature by the Llamas of Tibet, and had us scampering in the crease for literature on the subject of Will Projection.

For some failures we blush crimson, but only a roseate glow suffused our temple as we repulsed 'How can I get my Q.A.I.M.N.S. daughter back from abroad', and 'Who are the publishers of Ibid?' One wicked looking thrust, 'According to scientists shadow is a body, but in my opinion it is only a state, a condition. . . . What do you think?', didn't even pinken us—we don't.

But we've been crimsoned by 'Art in the Bag' and shamed by 'The Dairyman's Daughter, 1816 edn.'. Do *you* know their locations?

P.S.—Our most seasonable success: details of bell-making traced to an article entitled 'The tintinnabulation that musically swells'.

Acorn?

The Australian librarians have been prodding their booksellers for classification of general books. The impulse has travelled round the world and spurred a London publisher into action. Jonathan Cape, Mr. Michael Howard tells us, will in future print Dewey classification numbers on the backs of title pages and the bottoms of front flaps of jackets of all their general books. Mr. Howard Phillips will advise on the classification. To anticipate possible enquiries we asked Mr. Howard why Jonathan Cape had adopted Dewey. He replied that Dewey was in general use with the Australian librarians who initiated the idea.

Unesco Book Coupons

Coupons usually appear as a symptom of controls and therefore tend to be unpopular. Here, however, is a new type of coupon which sets out to overcome the barriers between hard and soft currency areas at least as far as the sale of books is concerned. The scheme in its entirety is too complicated to explain here but as far as the would-be book buyer is concerned it will mean that, for an urgently required non-fiction publication issued in a hard currency area, he will be able to apply to one of a number of universities, learned societies, and other organizations for a Unesco book coupon which will enable him to pay for the publication in his own currency. In Great Britain the scheme will be operated through Book Tokens Ltd., 28 Little Russell Street, London, W.C.1, who are already familiar with similar operations and they hope to begin as soon as the necessary supply of forms, coupons, etc., are available. The scheme is frankly experimental, and the British Treasury has agreed to it for a trial period of nine months. It is to be hoped that it will be successful since anything that promotes the flow of information from one part of the world to another is much to be desired. Even where good-will exists present currency conditions tend to impose restrictions which may be as hampering as any political embargo.

New Microfilm Reader

Many members may be interested to learn that the Ediswan microfilm readers are at last in production, and immediate delivery will be possible against orders placed early in the new year. Two models are being made, the larger model providing greater magnification. The prices are very little above the original estimate of £45.

These machines have been made as versatile as possible. They will accept both film strip and reels of 35 mm., perforated and unperforated film, and may also be adapted to project images on to a wall, for photographic copying, and for making tracings. They may be inspected, on appointment, at 155 Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2.

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Periodicals

THE Chief of the Data Department of the British Thomson-Houston Company of Rugby has kindly offered the following publications to any librarian who has need of them:

Engineer (Bound): 1892–1896 inc., 1900–1928 inc.

Engineering (Bound): 1889, 1892–3, 1895, 1896 Jan.–June, 1900–12, 1914–16, 1918–26.

Mechanical Engineering (*A.S.M.E.*) (Not bound): June 1923, Feb. 1924, Aug. 1924, May 1925, Dec. 1925, Jan.–Dec. 1926, Jan.–Dec. 1927, April–Dec. 1928.

Revue General de l'Electricite (Bound): 1917–39 inc.; (Unbound): 1940.

Archiv. Fur. Elek. (Not bound): 1923–39 inc.

A.E.G. Mittellungen (Not bound): 1931–39 inc.

Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering (Bound): 1911 and 1913–27 inc.

Elektro Technische Zeitschrift (Bound): 1898, 1900–15 inc., 1919–20 (Part 2 only) inc., 1921–31 (Part I only) inc., 1932–37 inc., 1938 and 1939 (Part 2 only).

Elektro Technische Zeitschrift (Not bound): Jan.–Dec. 1918 (incomplete), Jan.–Dec. 1916 (incomplete), 1939–40 (incomplete), 1941–45 (incomplete).

Elektrotechnik und Maschinenbau (Bound): 1925–26 inc., 1928–33 inc., 1935–38 inc. (Not bound): Jan.–Dec. 1919 (incomplete), Jan.–Dec. 1939 (incomplete), Jan.–July 1914.

Siemens Zeitschrift (Not bound): 1927–39 inc.

Zeitschrift des Vereines, Deutscher Ingenieure (Bound): 1930 (Part 2 only),–1939 (Part 1 only) inc. (Not bound): July–Nov. 1939, Jan.–Dec. 1915 (incomplete).

Wissenschaftliche Verraffentlechungen aus dem Siemens Konzen (Not bound): 1932–34 (incomplete), 1936–39 (incomplete).

Stahl und Eisen (Bound): 1912–16 inc., 1918–29 inc.

Travel Information

In view of the existing scantiness of information on foreign travel we were particularly pleased to receive from the British Travel Association, *European Recovery, 1948–51, and the Tourist Industry*, by Ernest W. Wimble, C.B.E. For those who ask what actions are being taken and planned by the more enlightened countries towards freer travel, lower cost of transport and accommodation, the abolition of visas and the attraction of visitors, this report is invaluable. Tables of tourist prices expressed in United States dollars and of international travel payments, and forecasts of tourist development up to 1951 provide a measure of official optimism, and pessimism, for the next few years. Much is to be read between the lines, so that to many these thirty or so pages may be doubly informative.

Management Abstracts

We have received Vol. I, No. 1, September, 1948, of *Management Abstracts*, published by the British Institute of Management, 17 Hill Street, London, W.1. The abstracts are grouped under the following headings: General management and organization; Works management; Personnel and welfare; Financial management; Distribution; Supplies; Transport; Statistics; Public administration; and Education and training. The abstracts are drawn from over 200 British and overseas publications and the coverage will be extended as opportunity allows. The periodical will be published monthly at a subscription rate of 30*s.* per annum for non-members of the Institute.

Das Schriftum der Bodenkultur

We welcome the appearance of these bibliographical communications on Agriculture, Forestry, Land Improvement and Food Industries, published by the Österreichischer Fachzeitschriften-Verlag, Vienna 1, Doblhoffgasse 5. The Editor is Dr. Sigmund v. Frauendorfer. The periodical appears every second month, first issue May, 1948; subscription for foreign countries is 7 Swiss francs p.a. and postage. Each issue contains one or two articles, but the greater part is taken up with book reviews and notes on articles appearing, in many cases, in East European publications. Notes on new doctoral dissertations are also included.

The Modern Arboretum

Dr. Frans Verdoorn, Managing Editor of *Chronica Botanica*, has published in pamphlet form under the above title the text of his address given at the Rancho Santa Anita, Arcadia, California. The sub-title chosen by him, "A center of regional, botanical and horticultural synthesis", indicates the importance of the rôle which he attaches to such botanic gardens. The pamphlet is obtainable from the Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, California, U.S.A. at $0.25.

The Index Botanicorum

A progress report on the "critical biographical dictionary of plant scientists of all times", now being compiled under the direction of Dr. Frans Verdoorn of *Chronica Botanica*, has recently been issued. The work has been going on since 1945 but, owing to the lack of indexes of published biographies of botanists of the past, it has proved unexpectedly difficult. Dr. Verdoorn would be glad to receive notes of little-known sources of relevant biographical information. A list of those already collaborating is included in the report. Correspondence should be addressed to Dr. Verdoorn at *Chronica Botanica*, Waltham, Mass., U.S.A.

The archivist

Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, Deputy Keeper of the Records, is author of a useful pamphlet entitled *The English Archivist: a new profession.* This is the text of his inaugural lecture for a new course in archive administration which is being organized by University College, London. Writing in non-technical language, he defines archives and describes the functions of the archivist and the training required to carry them out satisfactorily. The pamphlet (pp. 32) is available from Messrs. H. K. Lewis & Co. Ltd., London, at 4*s.*

Chinese food and flowers

A most attractive new periodical has been reaching us from Hong Kong. This is *Food and Flowers*, a bulletin issued by the Agricultural Department and the Gardens Department of the Hong Kong Government and edited by G. A. C. Herklots, price $6.00. The articles, illustrated by delightful line drawings, are in English and cover various aspects of Chinese food cultivation and horticulture. The June issue (No. 2), for instance, includes articles on rice and watercress cultivation, accounts of vegetable trials at Sheung Shui; some poisonous plants of Hong Kong; Iris, Nun Orchid and Bellflower; Melastoma and related genera, and some flowering shrubs and climbers.

(Recent Papers *and* Aslib Library Accessions *have been held over until the next issue*)

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Periodicals Required

Wanted: Complete issue of *The Lancet* for 1921 and 1922. Must be in good condition. Single copies not suitable. Box No. 41.

Hansard: Official Reports of Debates in the House of Commons. The Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, W.C.1, is anxious to acquire the following numbers: Vol. 349, Nos. 129–134; Vol. 350, Nos. 157 to date.

Situations Vacant

The British Cotton Industry Research Association requires a librarian with A.L.A. qualification and, preferably, some acquaintance with textile and/or scientific work. Applications in writing, with details of age, training, and qualifications, to the Director, B.C.I.R.A., Shirley Institute, Didsbury, Manchester, 20.

The British Shipbuilding Research Association invites applications for abstractors (male or female). The duties will consist mainly of abstracting and summarizing technical and scientific papers in shipbuilding, marine engineering, naval architecture, general physics and engineering, and also dealing with technical enquiries relating to published material in these fields. A degree in engineering or physics is desirable, but persons without degrees suitably qualified otherwise will be considered. A knowledge of languages would be an advantage. Appointment will be made within the range £300 to £500 according to age and qualifications. Superannuation under F.S.S.U. Apply to The Secretary, B.S.R.A., 5 Chesterfield Gardens, Curzon Street, London, W.1.

Assistant librarian (female) required for medical abstracting. Must have biological or pharmaceutical qualification; good reading knowledge French and/or German desirable. Previous experience not essential. Permanent post, hours 9 to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Apply initially in writing, quoting reference No. 1890, to the Personnel Officer, May & Baker Ltd., Dagenham, Essex.

Library assistant wanted for medical research library (pharmaceutical manufacturers). Library experience essential, good education and languages desirable, knowledge of medical terms an advantage. Box 42.

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